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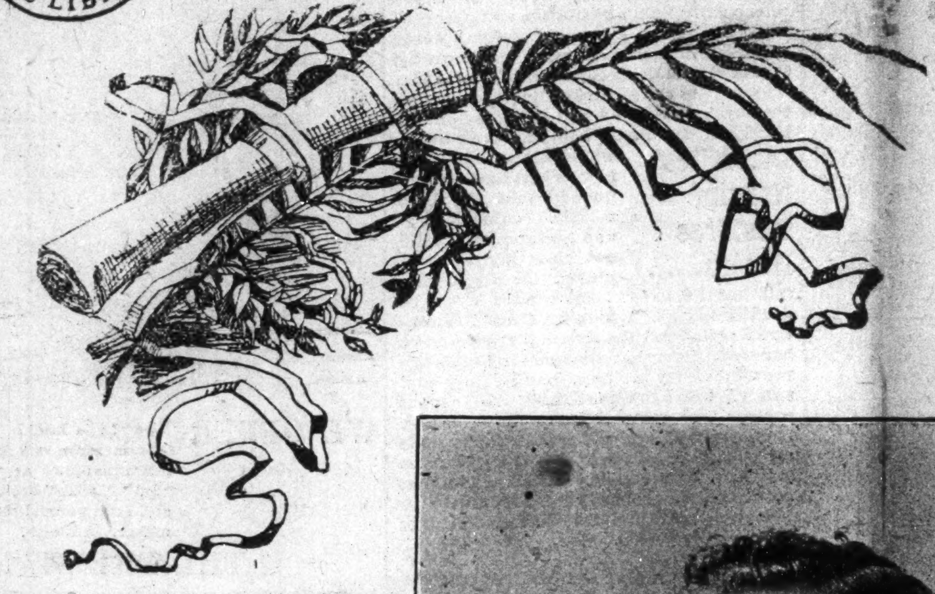
AN EMINENT BAPTIST DIVINE

REV. HARRIS IS REGARDED AS THE ABLEST PASTOR THAT EVER

Filled the Pulpit at Corinthian—His Magnetic Sermons, and Affable Manner Wins for Him Many Friends—What he is Doing.

Rev. H. H. Harris, whose cut is shown in this week's issue, was born in 1865, at Mathews County C. H. Va., graduated at Hampton in 1886. and took a seminary course at Newton Theological Institute. He is a new comer in our city, being called to the pulpit of Corinthian Baptist church last October, and has since that time filled the office to the unanimous approval and delight of his people. Many of the church regard him as the ablest minister who has ever filled the pulpit of Corinthian church. Rev. Harris is a rare and happy combination of a preacher, pastor and philanthropist. He possesses a charm of eloquence, a power of magnetism, and a business tactwhich is a gift of nature. and which assures his success where ever he goes. Though affable he is ordinarily reticent and is hard to draw into a discussion. He is not disposed to talk except on business matters or to intimate acquaintances. A new acquaintance is apt to get the impression that he is selfish. uncongenial, but this impression vanishes upon a closer acquaintance, He is modest and unostentatious, and never seeks an opportunity to bring himself into prominence. Much of the success that he has attained has been due to his tireless industry and indomnitable purpose. Rev. Harris came to us from a three years pastorate at Cincinnati, where his people all loved him and still love him. Here he did a great work and made a record as a devout and able minister of the gospel and an exceptional financier, purchasing a valuable piece of church property for his people, and a home and lot of his own also. Lately he was re-called to Cincinnati by Zion Baptist church, a people who have the most valuable church property, and the largest church edifice owned and built by colored people of the state. The church being heavily in debt, all eyes were turned to Rev. Harris as the one best fitted to lead them out of their financial embarrassment. Indianapolis, however, hopes that he will not go. Not only Corinthian church, but the city needs greatly such men as he is. The Baptists of Indianapolis have but one Rev. Harris. Nothing more clearly reveals the value of this man than the fact that he has pastored two churches, one at Boston (Twelfth street Baptist church) to which he has been re-called three times in five years. At Walnut Hills, where he is the father and founder of the church, it seems hard to fill his place. But no where does our sudject shine so brightly as in the pulpit; here all the power and influence of his oratory and fervency of his Christian zeal bursts forth. His utterance is as if the fires of God were burning in his breast, or as if his heart was a ceaseless fountain out of which his thoughts and words flowed forth. He is never cold, never trite; but pathetic, pungent, and powerful as a preacher. His style is vivid and his English is newest and crisp. It is evident from his style that he is a close student of Spurgeon. He never tells rediculous jokes or yarns in the pulpit, but here and there are flashes of humor of that peculiar kind that makes you laugh with tears in your eyes. No young pastor of his years and experience is more widely known and in greater demand among our churches. We want consecrated competent gospel ministers. None other need apply.

Let Rev. Harris sanctify his power and stir up his gift, and ere he is 40 years old he will be the peer of any man in the Baptist pulpit. Though a staunch Baptist, he is higher than a mere creed. The Corinthian church, which stands among the foremost churches of the state, is wide awake. A contract has been let to tear down and extend the church, and also add several other features to beautify their house of worship. New pews, new carpet, new baptismal pool, and a new gallery for the choir are among the improvements. The rear end of the church is to be knocked out and a new room added, one for a pastor's study, library, and dressing room. Besides home industry, the church has also become a contributor to the Baptist Home Missionary Society. The church contributes to state missions, and has set a Sunday for African Mission work, and for the Alpha Home of this city, for aged and indigent colored women.



REV. H. H. HARRIS,
Pastor Corinthian Baptist Church This City. See Article This Page.

OUR HUSTUING REPRESENNATIVES

What he Has to Say of Memphis' 400—Personal Notes.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

The Georgia street exhibition and concert given at Beale street church Monday night was an unusally happy one and was enjoyed by every one in attendance. The teachers of the school spared no pains in getting up this concert, and it was one of the best of its kind that has been witnessed in this city for some time. To praise one would be doing an injustice to other members of the caste, for all acquitted themselves creditably. The teachers of the school are Misses K. Davis, B. Anderson, F. Turner, Mrs. F. Cooper, Messrs. J. N. Ruffin, C. A. Thompson. The piano concert by Raymond A. Lawson at Collins Chapel was poorly attended. Much surprise to the manager, as that church always turns out well. Two thousand or more colored people gathered at the auditorium Sunday afternoon to listen to a sermon by William Christian, a colored minister. He took for his subject "Virtue." At night an audience of nearly 4,000 heard a sermon on "Temperance and Virtue."

Cotton planting has been earlier than usual in most states, but in some, drouth is reported. On the whole the condition is good. In a few counties in Texas the Mexican weevil is reported as doing considerable damage. There is an increase over the area planted last year, the percentage being as follows: Virginia, 107; North Carolina, 171; South Carolina, 111; Georgia, 113; Alabama, 111; Louisiana, 109; Arkansas, 123; Florida, 143; Mississippi, 110; Texas, 115; Tennessee. 127; Indian Territory, 159; Missouri, 141; the average for the county is 114. Lee Smith who was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in killing George Shorter withdrew his appeal. A new trial was granted and a verdict of guilty of attempt to commit murder was entered. Smith was then sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Frank Patric has returned home. Avery Chapel was well attended Tuesday night to hear the capital city's great pianist, Raymond A. Lawson. He is one of the youngest pianist of the day. His playing has that sympathetic quality that belongs to the famous Paderewski. He bids fair to become famous. After the concert Mr. Lawson and his staff lead by the members of the Manhattan Club proceeded to the residence of the Misses Washington on Orleans street, where a reception was tendered him. The house was brilliantly decorated, and in point of view was one of the grandest affairs given this season. The tables were served by half dozen of Memphis' most beautiful ladies who were handsomely attired. Among those present were Misses C. Morgan, E. Graham, B. Washington, M. West, F. Ware, P. Clice, M. Pope, L. Washington, M. Settles, L. Ross, F. Rivers, B. Glispy, J. Blair, Messrs. E. Ware, C. Shelley. G. Pope, R. Lawson; members of the club, P. Sutton, W. Price, R. Flemings, J. Brinkley, S. Washington, G. West, L. White, J. McNeal, A Bass. Mr. Lawson departed for Nashville Wednesday morning. Miss Lizzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ross of Dunlop avenue, gave a pleasant reception Wednesday night in honor of Miss Keys of Florence, Ala. A bountiful repast was enjoyed by all, and the event was pronounced one of the social events of the season. Fred Alexander and Miss Ida Byers were secretly married on the 3rd. Misses Susie and Bertna, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Floyd, have returned home from Corinth, Miss. The Lemoyne school gave their grand annual picnic at Fitz Given's Grove Friday. A pleasant time was had. Dewitt Cassells is our leading cycler of the city. He will open a school. Neal Dortch was arrested and taken back to Somerville where he is charged with disturbing public worship and shooting in the church. Josie Long was arrested last week for larceny of valuable silverware from the Alcazar. Miss Etta Johnson departed for her home Sunday. Miss Kate Woodson, niece of Miss M. Woodson was most charmingly entertained by the Columbia Club at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Woodson. 440 Pontaic street, Wednesday evening. All members of the club were present and a nice time was had. A. J.H. Bass The Freeman agent. Miss Mamie McFall has recovered. Mrs. Jessie Taylor is confined to her bed.

A Terrific Storm.

Lincoln, Neb., Special.

Officer "Tom" Carnahan has resumed his club and beat. Presiding Elder Wilson, of the M. E. Church for Iowa, Nebraska and Western Illinois mission work among colored people preached Sunday morning and evening at the M. E. Mission. This church is made up of members from the other two colored churches here. They started up about two months ago and a split has already occurred among them The recherche was entertained on last Thursday evening by Mrs. W. R. B. Alexander at the residence of Mrs. Frank Williams. Robert Johnson, C. C., porter on the B. & M. R'y. fel off the rear of the train and is laid up in conselquence thereof. Charles Plummer was discharged from the Lincoln hotel; a strike followed; two Negroes are in jail, and a new crew in their place. The head waiter, Mr. Jones still retains his position.

The hardest wind storm the writer has ever witnessed visited Lincoln about 4:30 last Tuesday. The wind blew for some minutes at the rate of eighty miles an hour. Trees were snapped off, buildings were unroofed, telegraph and telephone wires were "laid low," railroad cars were lifted from the track. One car containing three boys was hurled from the track into Salt creek. The boys were not hurt. Several persons have been reported injured. but no deaths.

Current Events.

Wilberforce University, O., Special.

The news from General Conference of the election of three bishops was the great subject of comment last week. The election of Dr. W. B. Derrick, the popular pulpit orator from New York, Dr. J. C. Embry, the ripe theologian and scholar from Kansas, and Dr. J. H. Armstrong, the great financier from Texas, has been given a hearty endorsement by all. The result of the election of general officers has not reached us. Miss Hallie Q. Brown, M. S., who has spent about twenty months in Europe will return, after a very successful trip on June 16th. All hail to the alumni star! Prof. Du-Bois and wife returned from the West on Wednesday evening. They were tendered, by the faculty and students, an elaborate reception at night. Their presents were quite numerous, handsome and useful. We wish Prof and Mrs. Du Bois many years of happiness. The Wilberforce base ball club defeated the Cedarville College club by a score of 12 to 1. Our boys opened the Xenia Y. M. C. A. grounds Monday. We are informed that Columbus will bring an excursion to our commencement on June 11th. We suppose London, South Charleston, and Selma will join. Prof. Woodson has returned from the East. Rev. H. P. Anderson has returned from the New Jersey Conference where he received an appointment t Morristown.

Personal Notes.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Robert Weaver has opened a barber shop on North Burdick street. Riley Robinson, of Allegan, has moved his family to this city. The G. U. O. of O. F. will run an excursion to Grand Rapids June 11th. The Sunday School convention will convene here June 10th. Rev. Alexander, of Detroit, was in the city last week. Charlie Hill has returned from Almena. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell's three children are sick with the measles. Ben Boldon has accepted a position in Weaver's barber shop. The dance given at the Masonic Hall Tuesday evening was well attended. Joseph Phillips has moved on Williard street. The W. C. T. U. convention will be held in Schoolcraft May 20th and 21st. J. Smith, 515 West Kalamazoo avenue, will move his family to Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hackley are the parents of a fine boy. John T. Poole has moved on Vine street. Mrs. William Roberts returned to her home in Lawrence. Mrs. Louise Boldon and Mrs. D. Morgan are able to be out again. Travers Hackley, Albert Dempsy, A. N. Stewart left Saturday for a fishing trip to Camels Lake.

Current News.

Sequin, Tex., Special.

The Freeman takes well. The county judge, sheriff, county treasurer, county clerk, and commissioners are taking The Freeman. The colored people are much stirred up here on account of a report that some of the principal teachers are not doing what is right.

THE CITY OF CONVENTIONS.

THE STATE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORS TO HOLD THEIR

Seventh Annual Convention—The Wonderful Work of Rev. Doctor Moten—Delegates to the Conference—Church Notes.

San Antonio, Tex., Special.

It has been my intention for some time to make known through your valuable paper the successful doings and happenings of our city and churches. The Alamo seems to be a city for conventions and associations. The recent noted conventions were the Epworth Leaguers and K. of P.'s that brought to our city thousands of delegates, pleasure seekers and health recuperators. The State Christian Endeavors will hold their seventh annual convention in this city next month. It is expected to be the largest of its kind ever held. There will be a teachers' summer normal held during vacation. A large attendance is anticipated from adjacent cities. The several churches of the city are doing a good work in various ways. Rev, B. W. Roberts, D. D., of St. James, is attending the A. M. E. General conference, which is in session in Wilmington, N. C. Rev. Roberts' church is doing nicely. He has done a good work here. By his request Rev. Doctor S. Moten, B. D., of Bethel A. M. E. church, preached the Sacramental sermon and administered the Lord's Supper to the St. James congregation the first Sunday in May. He also preached the funeral sermon of Mrs. Sarah Taylor, a parishioner of St. James. In the absence of the pastor of St. Paul M. E. church, by request, Rev. Moten preached the funeral sermon of Mrs. Georgina Lowe, the largest woman in the city, her weight being 475 pounds. At the session of the West Texas conference of the A. M. E. church which convened in this city December last, Rev. D. S. Moten, B. D., was appointed to the pastorate of Bethel A. M. E. church of this city. The church, under his administration, is progressing more rapidly and permanently than it ever has in all its history. The Trustee department has been well organized, and is doing systematic work. The rallies under this department have been exceptionally good. The Steward and Stewardesses department are also well organized and are at practical work. A grand concert and literary was given under the auspices of the Stewardesses department for the benefit of the pastor, and something over $68 was realized. One of the special features of Rev. Doctor S. Moten's good and great work, is the organization of the Christian Endeavor Society in Bethel. It is now one of the strongest auxiliaries of the church, and is propagating permanently with every meeting and from ten to fifteen new members are being enrolled at every meeting. It now has a membership of 85 active members and 30 associate members. It is the only society of its kind in the city of the Afro-American churches, and its great good and utility is being promulgated throughout the city as well as realized by the society. Its membership includes persons from more than one denomination. Really it is a true type of denominational reciprocity. The verdict of everyone is that there is more practically energetic and wide awake interest operated in both church and its auxiliaries as never before. Payne Theological Seminary of Wilberforce University, has a very consistent right to be much pleased with such a representative of her classic and consecrated instructions and principles as the Rev. Doctor S. Moten, B. D., pastor of Bethel A. M. M. church San Antonio, Tex. Rev. G. J. Starnes, M. D., who is a delegate to the General conference of the M. E. church, which convened in Cleveland, O., will visit Wilberforce University and Payne Theological Seminary on his return from Conference, by request of Rev. Doctor S. Moten. Dr. Starnes is one of the first M. D.'s of San Antonio, regardless of race variety. Rev. R. S, Jenkins, P. E. of the San Antonio district, is an energetic and wide awake church man, and Rev. W. R. Beamer, P. E. of the Wallace district, a resolute and successful worker; and Rev. R. Deal is a good and affable pastor; and the Rev. B. W. Roberts, D. D., the friend of the educational and temperance causes especially, and all church interests generally, are the delegates of the West Texas conference to the General conference, now in session at Wilmington, N. C. They are there and we know that the West Texas conference is being well represented by them.

A Good Work.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Please allow me space in your paper to speak a good word for it, and the Hon. Wm. McKinley. I have been a subscriber for a number of years through Mr. A. Bass and now going to subscribe for the year. I love it because it is an out-spoken, independent Negro paper second to none. I often tell my friends when they want to know what our leading Negroes are doing to get The Freeman. No one who wants to know cannot afford to be without it. It deserves the highest praise for its noble work to word the liberation of our distinguished country man Waller. When all this country had ceased to speak the noble Freeman was wide awake. Let us subscribe for its works sake. I will leave for Corinth, Miss., May 27th, and on the 30th address the members of the Republican Club of Winona, Miss., also take an active part in the decoration at Corinth The club will be solid for McKinley for President. I am your well-wisher and worker for our parties' success.

W. W. FLOYD,
32 Sumner Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

THE EVOLUTION OF WOMAN.

HER LIFE AND CHARACTER THE BASIS OF ALL LAW AND MORALS

How the True and Noble Woman Can Influence Youth—In the World's History she has Always Borne a Conspicuous Part.

Unquestionably, the most absorbing topic of discussion in the realms of sociology is the evolution of woman. There is scarcely an article, a speech, a sermon, book, or paper published which does not, in some way, devote a thought or two to this new creature and creation, be it for or against. In order to discuss, in a wise woman the different phases touching our subject, we lay down the broad preposition of our belief in the paternity of God, the brotherhood of man, that whatever applies to our race may equally apply in some manner to another under similar conditions. We shall not try to treat our subject in every detail of which it is capable, but shall try to give to the race of womankind in a condensed form all that particularly pertains to her nobility of character, her honesty of purpose, her high moral worth, and her adaptability to educational affairs, touching the arts, sciences, and the professions.

Not many years ago one might have been considered a fanatic to think of, much less speak of, a woman as a teacher, a preacher, missionary or agent, clerk, reporter, an amanuensis, bookkeeper, or a general all-round breadwinner. And yet, one has lived to see the same to-day and must marvel not. During an earlier period she was contented to look after household affairs in all that the term implies. To-day a new order of things confronts us. We see her in the front ranks of the army of political economists, astute reformists, educational enthusiasts, religious doctrinaires and industrial philosophers. Her educational rights and prerogatives are no longer questioned, nor her mental calibre prejudged as insufficient to cope with her fellow being—man. We must not any longer allow our narrow contracted prejudices to lead us to doubt, fear, evade or equivocate upon matters which are facts—patent, but must accept the truth as it is in the light of passing events, Mere sentimentalism has outgrown its limits, and the boundaries of stern realities have over reached the imagination, taking place of the former. If the sphere of woman had continued to be confined within its narrow limits, if she had not determined to be as bold as a lion, yet gentle as a lamb, if she had not had the courage of a Sampson, yet the meekness of Job; if she had not improved upon her past surroundings, environments, difficulties and conditions; if she had not awakened newer ideas; if she had manifested no outward and plain disposition to keep steady pace in the march of civilization, and had, therefore, been assigned no part in the grand achievements of the world's history, progress and civilization, to-day there would not now be going on such wonderful evolution in the world of womankind. To-day she is a cotemporary of man in all that he can do, and is doing—a physician, lawyer, politician, an erudite scholar, a literary genius, a reform agitator, a practical business and a professional woman in all that the terms bear.

The Afro-American women are in no degree less responsible for this most praiseworthy advancement in the science of civilization than are those of any other race, and due credit must be given her for the part she plays. Her care and love, her systematic habits, her clear, clean-cut conceptions of higher life and living, and her materia ltendencies all equip her fully for management, guidance and direction of institutions of learning and elemosynary character for offices, guardianship and training. The assembling of 150 leading and representative women of the race in the National Colored Woman's Congress in the city of Atlanta, Ga., during the Christmas holidays, and the papers and discussions there read and heard upon all living and vital questions of the day, touching the autonomy of government, social and economical questions, emphasized in no uncertain way, the eminence in learning and the depth in thought to which the Afro-American woman is capable of ascending and descending. Such worthy personages of the race as Mesdames Lucy Thurman, Booker T. Washington, Francis E. W. Harper, Rosetta Lawson, Mary V. Cook, Susie I. Shorter and others are of note to the race and would do honor and credit to any people in any capacity to which they might be called.

The woman who is careless about her surroundings and associations, who apparently is little concerned in the advancement of civilization, and who has no thought of peace, comfort and happiness of home and society, fails to meet the requirements of her creation. It is not this class of women of whom we speak to-day. But the women of our ideality are those whose hearts are tender and true, who are delicate and refined of manners, cheerful and charming in character, in public as well as in private vocations. When this condition of affairs exists then the reflex action may be seen in the youth of the land who come in contact with her softening influences. This class of noble women, by their strong and powerful individualities, their soul-stirring and electrifying energies, their exalted and praiseworthy ambitions, and their untiring perseverance, have conquered a world of prejudice against their God-given rights and powers in the great battles and struggles for human existence. In all stages of the world's history, whether sacred or profane, woman has been known to bear a most conspicuons relation and influence. To the average and unintelligent man woman is buried beneath the cruel rubbish of cant, superstition and prejudice. Wherever man has risen, she, too, has risen; whereever he has fallen, she may have fallen; wherever he has died, she has died; wherever sacrifices were demanded, she has equally shared her portion; where honors have been distributed, she has likewise glorified and achieved honors. These conditions are true whether upon land or upon sea, whether in church or in state, whether in war or in peace. Wherever men have proven cowards before dauntless foes, woman has never receded from her lofty position, but has accepted her portion and her cupful of gallishness and bitterness in the full measure and strength in which they were given, bending not a knee nor asking for mercy. Shh is a fundamental element in all social organizations. Her life and character are the basis of all law and morals. The simple contemplation of the duties of woman is appalling and terrifytng to the hearts of the bravest man. He might submit himself to perform acts and duties naturally devolved upon woman merely as a demand of duty, but not without an open or secret murmur or complaint. She, upon the other hand, intuitively and unconsciously goes about her work without any regard to difficulties, inconveniences, privations or embarassments.

We are told that angels fell; and why not poor, weak, frail woman? Woman may err, but give her half a chance, love and protect her, comfort, cherish and encourage her, and in a large majority of cases, if she be not an imbecile, if her heart be not adamant, if her soul be not ice, she will prove that she is more constant, a creature to be admired, aye, adored, one more reliable and steady than anything else on earth. Insult and even personal injury and crime against her frequently cannot repel her nor prompt her to fits of retaliation and revenge. It took the Caucasian some two hundred years to reach his present high grade of civilization. The emancipated Negro against all odds, stumbling-blocks and unnatural impediments to his progress and civilization, has advanced in spite of them within the remarkably short period of thirty odd years.

The Afro-American woman is endowed with the same God-given powers, faculties of mind, passions, moral aptitude and physical development that are akin to any other woman-kind. Whatever is true of one as to success or failures in life, adaptability and susceptibilities is true of the other. The differences between them depends only upon the methods used, the opportunities and possibilities presented in life. Give to each the same test. Start each out in life upon the same plan, with the same environments, temptations, and opportunities for doing evil, and in the end vote the results. This is the only method of judgment—the only fair means of arriving at just conclusions, not garbled, fanciful sentimentslities based upon narrow, mean, prejudices. Women were not generally known to the world a short while ago as educators. Thanks to him who shapes the destinies of nations, likewise individuals, and to that higher advanced education which recognizes the "Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men;" that education which expands the intellect and forces it to leap over the bounds of contemptible caste and prejudice; that education which appeals to the human soul—is sympathetic, majestic; that education which leads to reason analogy upon all scientific and sociological questions. In short, which develops in a symmetrical way the entire man—women have been given a prominent and conspicuous place in the affairs of nations and the world.

Ladies of the convention, fellow colaborers: Yours is an eminent calling in life. We shall not presume upon your intelligence by pointing out to you the sacredness and responsibilities attending your duties, for your own presence and your devotion to this line of duty reminds one that you are already alive to its interests and demands, and therefore, presages any presumption upon our part which we might undertake. It is only necessary, however, to remind you to "look well to your laurels, lest they turn to weeping willows." Already the slogan of war has been sounded against your noble band. Are you doing your parts in the work—your imperative duties in every respect? This ask and consider for yourself before it may be eternally too late. You have many facts and figures, eminent characters, or personages, in your work co-temporaneous with you, while others have finished their tasks and laid off from the plow shares, with which to enable you to refute all idle, silly twaddle, prattings and prognostications concerning your race and your work.

It is yet fresh in your minds, no doubt, that you stand before the world to-day condemned and scandalized for general conduct unbecoming the profession, and inability to perform your duties properly. This extraordinary and startling announcement proceeds from the pen of one "high up" and "mighty in authority," and is heralded throughout this broad universe. It comes from one whose friendliness and sympathies for you should have dictated a milder course. It comes from one whose educational dignity and discretion, whose learning and ability, should be broad and liberal in every sense of the word, devoid of uncouthness and boorishness. You have been branded by this high dignitary and official of the state as being "morally and intellectually unfit" for the positions you hold. A grave responsibility, therefore, rests upon your shoulders, of either verifying or falsifying the truth of this statement. It is an indictment that should not be allowed to stand uncondemned, unrepealed, unrefuted! It must not stand unchallenged, unanswered! We have been patiently waiting to see some one openly, in public press, or otherwise, contradict these vile and slanderous charges. For our parts, we forbear to credit the same. We are not here as apologist for any class of evil doers be they as white as the dripping snow, or as black as the darkest midnight.

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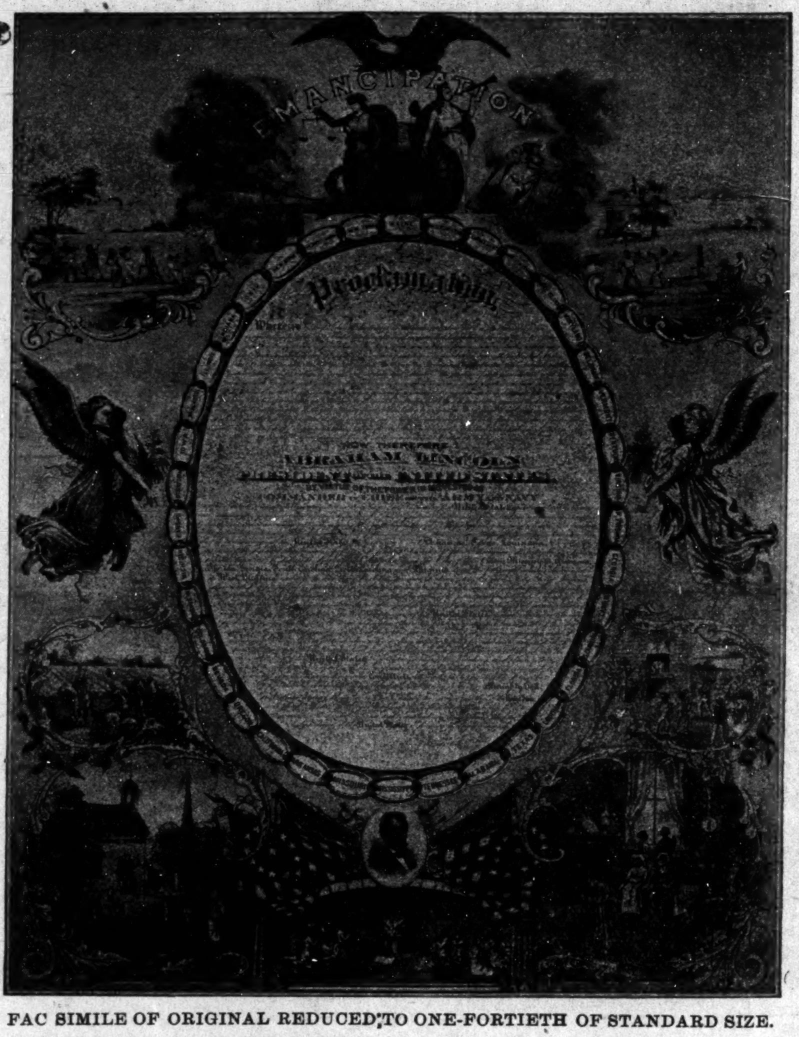

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Pontiac Points.

Pontiac, Ill., Special.

Rev. Summers delivered a powerful sermon at the A. M. E. church Sunday night. The entertainment at the Baptist church last Saturday evening was a success. Rev. J. J. Page, who has been attending the Teacher's Institute in Bloomington has returned. Master Porter Lord of Chenoa was in the city last Saturday. James Hatfield, who has been very sick is able to be around again. John Hamilton repeated his lecture by special request on the "Progress of the Afro-Americans of the Nineteenth Century," at the A. M. E. church last Friday evening, the 22nd, for the benefit of the Fred Douglass literary society. Rev. Lee of Seatonville preached at the Baptist church last Sunday. The St. Mary's Court gave an entertainment last Monday night at Masonic Temple.

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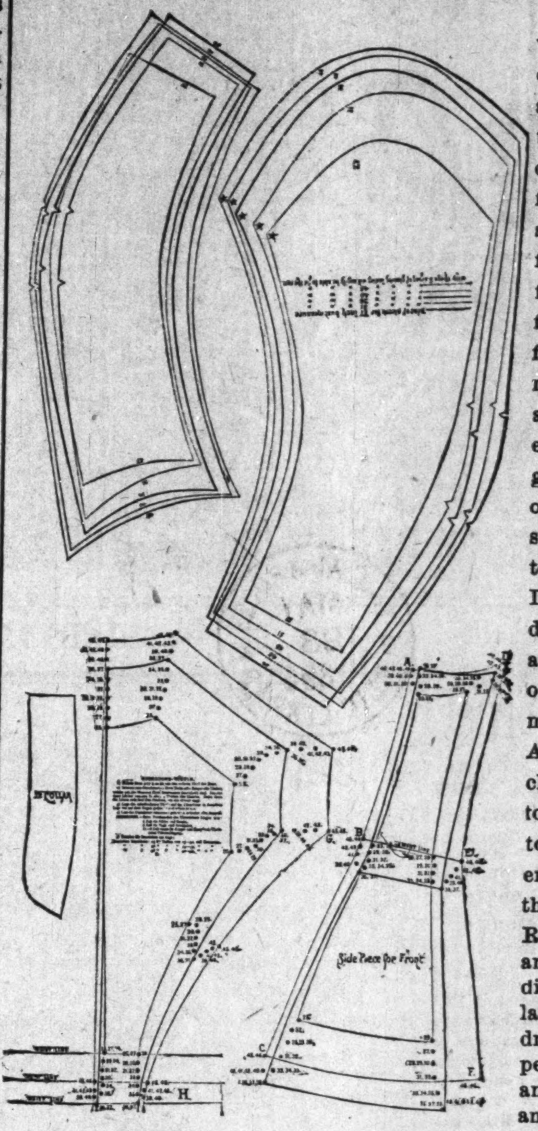

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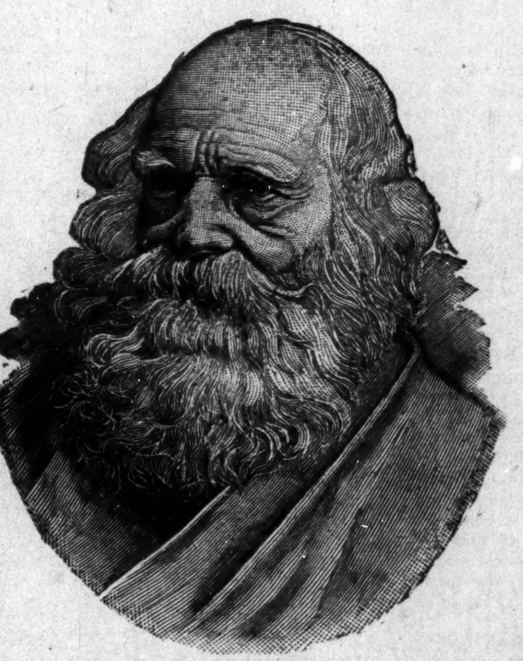

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METHODISM IN TENNESSEE.

NOTWITHSTANDING CONFLICTS, HER BANNER STILL WAVES.

Presiding Eldership Should Remain Intact—Was not in the "Ring," Hence Defeat—Most Precious Things in Small Packages.

The old Tennessee conference, whose banner was thrown to the breeze on Monday after the third Sunday in Aug. 1867, has been on a forced march every since, and like Israel of old, nearly all of those who started with her have died in the wilderness of fierce conflicts, disadvantages and poverty. Next October at Knoxville, "Deo Volente," she will pass her thirtieth mile stone. She has done well and is doing well, and none but the eye of the pessimist can see otherwise. It is true that she has made mistakes, "'Tis human to err, divine to forgive."

Because there were no presiding elder's reports submitted, no arrangements for printing the minutes of the conference, and but little attention paid to the reports of our Shelbyville high school, the Tennessee conference is not to be blamed. The Bishop was chairman and certainly did all he could to push the business of the conference to a finish. Should men be blamed because in a conversation four or five months before the conference they vowed they would not vote for any presiding elder, if at conference they changed their minds and worked and voted for their presiding elders?

Wise men change their minds sometimes. Then, too, presiding elders are humble members of conferences, and have the same rights and privileges in common with their brethren. Presiding elders are servants of their brethren and the people, not bosses, domineering over God's heritage. They are brethren in every sense of the term, and at the same time they are kind and brotherly to the men whom they serve, or should be, and no man should blame them because they are presiding elders, for no P. E. appoints himself. Those men who vowed one way and voted another, might say, talking is one thing and voting is quite another. But the observant brother who has been a member of any annual conference a half dozen years knows that is always the talk just before election time—that slate is smashed every time.

Those people who are getting tired of the presiding elders are tired of Methodism, for a Methodism that has no Episcopacy, no presiding elder system and no pastorate, is no Methodism at all. Of course there are those who feel that we could get along without the bishopric, others who believe we could get along without the pastorate as it now is, and others who know that we could dispense with the presiding elder system, but the fact remains that they are all essential and cardinate points in the horizon of Methodistic skies.

The writer says that he was not elected a delegate to the General conference because he did not join the ring and that nine-tenths of the ring worked harder to defeat him than they did to elect themselves. Then the old adage that "a rule that won't work both ways is no rule at all,"is verified in our cases, because he was defeated because he did not belong to the ring, and I was elected because I did not belong to the ring, for no man lives that I asked to vote for me before or during the conference, and yet I got nearly all of the votes of the conference, and I am thankful to all, whether they voted for or against me. I feel that the Tennessee conference expressed her choice in her vote, and I bow to their judgment without a word. For the dear old volunteer Tennessee conference has given me too many honors for me to be an ingrate.

If there were any ring or machine, I did not know it. 'Tis true the writer has been a member of the Tennessee conference much longer than I have, for my connection with the traveling ministry of the conference is less than nine years, yet I have known most of the members of our conference, and I think I knew them intimately more than twenty years. I never heard of any ring, and as I see it, our brother has another seeming effect without a cause—a mathematical absurdity.

One thing I do know, that a very large majority of the men of the Tennessee conference are men that would not submit to any ring that proposed to lead them by the nose to vote for Bill, Jim, Dick or Harry. No indeed, it was no ring that kept our brother and many more who ran and got a very complimentary vote, from being elected. It was because he and they did not get enough votes, that's all and nothing more.

The presiding elder of the North Nashville District did not do wrong when he published there would be no trustee meeting during the Xmas. Bishop Salter wrote him early in November to go at once to Shelbyville and take charge of the school, and prepare for opening. Action had to be taken at once so bills could be sent out. Then the people would know just what to depend upon. It was not necessary to put off action until the last of Christmas before we let students know what we propose to do. Also a large majority of the general board of trustees wrote the P. E. of the Nashville district that they could not attend. He has their letters on file.

Being duly authorized, the board elected the Rev. J. H. Turner president and started out under a new management, not a new name, as was said. This is the other side, and our brother might have known this had he asked us and his criticism would not have been germain as he sees now. He also says that the cry will be again now that the school is Nixon, as it was a few years ago, and what little life there was in it will now ebb away because it is Nixon. 'Tis true that Rev. J. H. Turner found it with little life. Two or three years ago Nixon left the school full of life, and when did the ebbing take place that made it have little life? Echo answers: "Sufficient unto the day is the evil therof."

This is the other side: Should the Tennessee Conference be criticised and blamed because no member has ever been elected to a general office or to the bishopric, and because the men are poor politicians? Certainly not. All the reason in the world that all have not been elected general officers and bishops, our brother included, is that they failed to get enogh votes, as many other conferences have. This is all and nothing more, and some of the men won't stoop to political trickery. State of little men! Possibly so. The most precious things come in small packages.

I have said this, Mr. Editor, in the defense of the old mother conference of Tennessee, whose proud escutcheon has never been tarnished, whose flag knows no trailing, and whose sons have caught the falling mantle of her Olgees, Brooks, Kirkmans, Williamsons, Cockrels, Earlys, Bowmans, Merrys, and Tylers. Our conference will compare favorably with any conference, all things considered. She is doing the best she can, and "he who does his best acts nobly. Angels can do no more." The trouble with our brother is, he does not seem to see that it is a condition that confronts us and not the fickleness of men.

"My doctrine is to lay aside
Contention and be satisfied.
Just do your best, and praise or blame,
That follows that counts just the same.
I've always noticed great success
Is mixed with trouble more or less,
And it's the man who does his best,
That gets more kick than all the rest."

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The Negro Coming to the Front.

Dekalb, Tex., Special.

This being a year seemingly that all workers and energetic leaders of the colored race are, or should be at work doing all in their power for the race morally, intellectually, and religiously. We intend for the world to know that we are falling in line and fast coming to the front. The little town, Dekalb, has been greatly neglected in intellectual and moral trainings. The battle of strife and envy have risen so high that it seemed almost impossible to keep war out of the church. Everything seems threatening against the peace and prosperity of the race. Thanks to the great Creator for peace, prosperity and religion, that bid fair for the future.

We are glad to say that there are some young men worthy of our notice. We are well organized preparing to meet our friends next November at the poles, and vote the straight Republican ticket. McKinley club will do their best for the party's success. The Sunday school is second to none. All of the churches are invited. One of the grandest times ever witnessed in Dekalb was enjoyed Sunday at St. Paul Baptist church. The Ladies Home Missionary had a grand rally, Rev. Bogans pastor. Everything was neatly arranged. The services were very attractive and the program was rendered as follows: Called to order by Sister Dimkins; welcome address, Rev. Dean Mortin; an essay, Sister Anna Taylor, subject "I have come the second time." singing by the school, lead by the writer. After which Rev. Bogan ascended the rostrom; prayer, Rev. A. Roberson; sermon. The whole house seemed to be on a move at once. Collection followed, neted eight dollars, then came the feast which was enjoyed. Sister Dunkin set a special table for the teachers and preachers.

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Waupun, Wis., Special.

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Newsy Notes.

Leadville Col., Special.

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The newly elected officers of Ada Court were installed the 22nd. T. S. Stewart, W. M. of Pylhagoris Lodge, A. F. and A. M., is on the sick list. Mrs. J. H. Sheppard and her niece, Miss Rosa Herald, went to Glenwood Springs on the 7th where they will remain several months. Mrs. Julia Cave left on the 20th for Columbus, Mo., to visit friends and relatives. From there she will go to St. Louis. Gilbert, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young was christened at the A. M. E. church by Rev. J. T. Smith on the 10th. The wedding of Miss Marcie Gooden and and James Frederick Early occurred on the 20th. They have the best wishes of their many frsends here. Mrs. Jane Walker went to Silverton about two weeks ago to spend the summer. Mrs. Annie Garrison is indisposed. Mrs. J. W. Young is suffering with a severe cold. B. Y. Jackson who has been in Salt Lake has returned to Leadville. He is the guest of J. W. Young.

Political and Social Affairs.

Temple, Tex,, Special.

Mrs. R. H. Perry and children left for their home at Calvert on the 6th ult. Their many friends regret their departure. Miss Ammie Goode, the charming daughter of Mr. John Goode, is a reader of The Freeman. Mrs. Fina Henly is on a visit to her sister in Waco this week Mr. Henly is one of Bell countys prosperous farmers. H.C. Anderson accidentally cut his hand making a paintul though, not dangerous injury. The Democrats of Bell county held their county primary on the 9th inst., and the Negro was the leading factor, voting and pledging himself to support the ticket in November. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hardeman, our principals of our school, will be retained as teachers for the next term and a new principal will be elected, Preparations are being made for a union picnic on the 23rd inst. The Santa Fe will run an excursion to Brenham on the 22nd to attend the hanging of the murderers of old man McGuyer.

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
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Sincerely, Mrs. Barrett,
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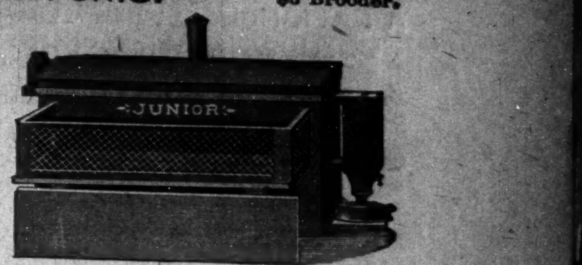

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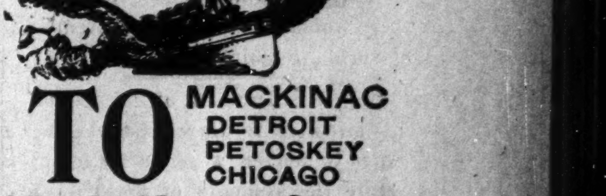

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NOTICE!

There is an impositor traveling through the State of Louisiana using my name to secure subscriptions for The Indianapolis Freeman. He successfully duped quite a number of people at Mansfield and other towns in Louisiana, and in his rascally course has done me great harm. I will pay $20 for the arrest and conviction of this fellow. GRANT S. NEAL,
Traveling Agent for Freeman.

THERE is a touch of pathos in the defeat of Townsend for bishop of the A. M. E. church. But the defeat must be charged to Townsend alone.

THE FREEMAN acknowledges the receipt of a most artistic invation card inviting us to be present at the twenty-first commencement exercises of the State Normal and Industrial School of Alabama May 26.

DERRICK, Embry and Armstrong are the new bishops of the A. M. E. church. It is utterly impossible to elect men who would please every individual. These three distinguished lights of the church give geneneral satisfaction.

THE NEWS, of this city asks will the St. Louis convention put on a wobbly man? Referring to McKinley. Yes sir, wobble and all. If they all wobbled like McKinly it is evident that there would be a few less contentions about his wobbling.

HON. J. S. DURHAM, of Philadelphia, late minister to Hayti, has been engaged to deliver a series of lectures before the students of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute on Cuba. The lectures will continue about a week or ten days.

"THE management of the Negro department of our Centennial is getting no encouragement from the officials. No money for us, and no sign of a building, excpt on paper. We will wait some more.—Nashville Citizen.

The management can wait awhile. It is a long time until 1897. Tab should be kept on Tennessee as to her deportment. She has an unenviable record in some matters.

THE talk of McKinley being weak and vacillating is all political twaddle. Owing to the hundred shades of opinions concerning the money question, the silence of McKinley is golden. The fact that he will stand on the platform made by the St. Louis convention, but not dictate it, is ample. General Grosvenor well says that the attempt to place him is simply a determination to undo him.

"IT is very probably that the General Conference of the great M. E. church now in session at Cleveland, O., will elect Rev. J. E. Bowen, D. D., a colored man and a professor of theology in Gammon Theological Seminary at Atlanta, as one of its bishops. This will be a fitting recognition of the great ability of Dr. Bowen, as well as an act of justice to the thousands of colored members of that great church."—The Southern Herald.

Not much, the learned professor started in well, but was struck with a sliding scale that makes one dizzy to think about.

DR. T. W. HENDERSON.

Dr. T. W. Henderson, of this city, has been elected as manager of the A. M. E. Book Concern by the General Conference now in session. From the moment Dr. Henderson made up his mind that he desired the position it was well nigh conceded that the position was within his reach. It is useless to deny the fact that this city is a loser by his departure. Such men are, and should be, welcome accessions to any community. Indianapolis is not surfeited with broad-minded men. Time, the great leveller, shall have wrought many changes in the make up of its people before the grand utillitarian doctrine oblains. The Freeman bids the Doctor God speed in his new field of labor, hoping that the same success may crown his efforts as has attended his ways while in this city.

JOURNALISTIC SWEETS.

An unknown admirer of The Freeman and its editorial writer has this to say:

> EVANSVILLE, IND., May 15, '96.
> EDITOR FREEMAN:
> I have been a reader of The Freeman every since its existence, and I beg to say that in my opinion you are giving us the best paper published by colored men. The general make-up of the paper is first-class, and the editorials most excellent; being broad, liberal, scholarly and sound to the core. I desire to compliment you and Hon. Geo. L. Knox on your success, and I thank you for giving the race such an able journal. T. T. MILLER.
> 718 Upper Fifth street.

We learn that the writer is a gentleman of culture and scholarship. We are only too glad to accord those who know and are willing to give unsolicited testimony as to the worthiness of The Freeman and its editor. We certainly thank Mr. Miller and scores of others who are showing us such disinterested love in strewing sweets along the journalistic pathway.

OUR TENETS ASSAILED.

The Arkansas Herald, volume 1, number 14, in speaking of The Freeman's position as to the pensioning the ex-slaves says The Freeman is sensational and that it is ever seeking to get on the popular side of questions. In other words, it means to say that The Freeman studiously poses and that it is ever playing to the galleries. How superficial the observation is! What crime does The Freeman commit should it be on the popular side?

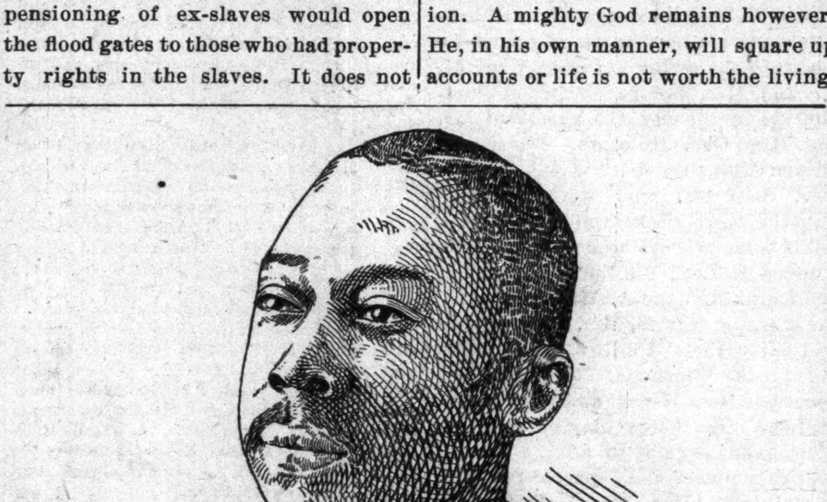
It assails the position of The Freeman on the Birmingham Imigration Society. It says that people are going to Africa just the same. It might be added that people are going to hell too, despite the preachers or the bible. It further informs us that The Freeman differs from Straker in his federal petition idea. But there is no cause along here, for it finds The Freeman quite sane concerning this question. The Herald voices it in toto when it says:

> "Of course all lawyers, sufficiently posted, know that Congress, nor the national conventions can, by operation of law, affect the enforcement of the criminal laws of the states. Public opinion must be influenced."

Just why this was mentioned is an enigma. It may, perhaps, mean that public opinion must be influenced by petitioning Congress, etc. This is very remotely possible. The Freeman has no cause against Straker. It contended that his idea was not calculated to produce the best results. To tell us that Straker will petition right along regardless of The Freeman is amusing in the extreme.

It is true that The Freeman has not given many reasons for not pensioning ex-slaves. It had hoped that the merest objection to it by the best informed people of that, or any community would be sufficient to put a quietus on it. We are cognizant that the South teems with thousands of ignorant people who see in this movement a gleam of hope for future subsistence. We can realize with what fond hopes and expectations they look to this promised blessing. The reasons are many and cogent why ex-slaves should not be pensioned. Negroes can not afford at this period of their racial life to be wards of the government. If they become wards then good bye to self-reliance, independence, prosperity and even citizenship, and how d'ye do to reservations, ostracism, contempt and contumely. Enlightened nations do not reckon wards nor eleemosynary constitutents as part and parcel of the body politic. Necessity no longer exists for such a grand system of charities. When the race lay weak and wounded, the product of the war—on its natal day—such a movement might have found favor. The race, like the eagle, has had time to look around, shake off the dust of two hundred and fifty years of humiliation, plume its wings, gaze into the sun and take its flight amid the races of the earth. It is now way past dawn and approaching high noon of the race's prosperity. It is no time to throw out the life line; 'tis plain sailing, fair weather and a God of the Universe around about. If freedom is the greatest boon to mankind then this government has quite filled its measure of justice to the Negro. To ask more at the hands of the general government is aggressive imposition.

What can money add to this priceless heritage? Life filled with carking cares may sit heavily on some. Thirty years after the war does not say that life's miseries must be attributed to a previous condition. Time, the mighty magician, has by a merciful hand swept that class into the abyssmal beyond, whose frames were bowed with age at the close of the great war. They need no meditators now, save Him who hung on Calvary's rugged brow. The pensioning of ex-slaves would open the flood gates to those who had property rights in the slaves. It does not matter how unholly the investment, it was an investment. They would have a better cause than those who gained all in gaining freedom, for they lost all in losing their slaves. The pensioning of ex-slaves would lead to rebellion, revolution and anarchy. It would mean discrimination, deportation or extermination for the blacks of the country.



REV. DR. D. S. MOTON,
Appointed Pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, San Antonia, Tex. See article, this page.

The school master should be abroad. He is the much needed institution among the Negroes. Dwarfed intellect needs rounding out. This whole scheme is either a gigantic confidence game, or a stupendous monument to ignorance. It is criminal, conscienceless and rascally. It is the author of untold mental suffering. It will, in the end, be relegated to the borne where all schemes and schemers alike find a warm reception.

THE "JIM CROW" CASE.

The Supreme Court of the United States decided Monday what is known as the "Jim Crow" car case of Pleassy vs. Ferguson, that the statute of the State of Louisiana, requiring railroad companies to supply separate coaches for white and colored persons is constitutional, affirming the decision of the court below. Justice Brown delivered the opinion, and justice Harlan dissented.

It will be noted that in the dissent of Justice Harlan that there must have been a divergence of opinion as to the traffic of railroad lines passing through more than one State. It is one of these fine points or legal niceties where so much hangs upon so little, and that little so hard to determine. It is the confluence of State and Federal authority. A case in equity more nearly where precedents are exhausted or, perhaps, never established and men simply rely on the great utilitarian theory—the greatest good for the greatest numbers. Numbers here may be supplied by influence. It can almost be seen that a flip of a penny could have determined the case, were not weightier interest manifested. The Freeman does not impugn the judges, but from the fact that the bench was not uuanimous gives color to the theory that it could have been decided otherwise with the same tension of conscience.

The decision will have a demoralizing effect. It will do much towards destroying the faith that Negroes may have in any institutions that white men control. At the reception of this news the Negroes of this country will ponder well his situation. It may not be the setting sun of his hopes, but such decisions are drastic upon his reasoning powers. What will be done? What must be done to fortify and make impregnable his position in this country, is a burning question.

This blast of intelligence is very unwelcome. The plaintive cry of sold! Sold! Sold! was heard numberless times during the darker days of the country's history. The Negro has againg grown reminiscent. He conjures up the part. The faint echos of sold! sold! sold! is again reverberating in vale and dell in the sunny South land. No matter what direction the Negro turns opposition stands like a stone wall. The community, state and country seems to have girt him about with oppresion. A mighty God remains however. He, in his own manner, will square up accounts or life is not worth the living.

But let the growlers growl, growlers scowl, and the gruff gang go it. For behind the night there is light and everything is alright, and I know it, is the song Silas sang. Supreme Court or supreme courtless the Negro is here to stay. The mind of man can conceive of no disaster to affright him from the shore. Pestilence nor ravaging diseases; the rack nor the gibbet, fanged hounds nor unwashed mobs, the keen crack of the rifle nor the treacherous stilleto, dread alarums, nor the hurtling messages of death from the cannon's throat, shall move him. If the race is debased in this latest tribute of contempt it will be but momentarily. The seed of knowledge is sown. It is like the Russian thistle. Estates are piling up in the Negroe's name. It is the darkest hour just before dawn. Victory, somehow will be snatched from the teeth of seeming defeat. The oaken crown shall be perched on him who seemed all vanguished. In due time, in this most unequal contest the odds will be casted on the proper side.

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL.

Commencement Exercises—Nine Graduates—Oratorical Contest.

Fayetteville, Tenn., Special.

Our city was alive during last week with the commencement exercises of Lincoln High school of which Prof. J. A. Jones is principal. This school has been in existence only one session. It was founded by the present principal, assisted by an able local board of trustees. Its success has been phenomenal. The commencement began Sunday by the annual sermon to the graduating class, delivered by the principal, who is also the pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. church. It was heartily enjoyed by the appreciative audience. Wednesday night the exhibitors of the Primary and Intermediate grades took place. These exercises were under the management of Mrs. H. B. McChristian and Miss Mamie G. Hoffman, teachers in the Industrial and Primary departments respectively. The large audience room of St. Paul Chapel was filled to overflowing, and to say that the exercises were grand indeed, is putting it mild. The instructors received the hearty commendations of the whole community. Master Willie Benford covered himself with glory.

Thursday night the Chapel was taxed to its utmost capacity to accommocate the surging mass who congregated to witness the oratorical and elocutionary contest for medals. Many came long before the doors were opened The following contestants appeared on the platform: Misses Betty Todd, Mary Rhodes, Alice M. Clark, Mrs. Mary W. McDonald, and Mrs. Lavinia L. McGraw, as elocutionists; and Messrs. Caleb Reese C. M. Summerford, and Jackson Reese, as orators. For one hour and a half the sparks flew, and the audience enjoyed the scene. Several members of the city Board of Education were present and expressed themselves as highly pleased.

The first prize for elocution was won by Miss Mary Rhodes, who recited "The Maniac." Mr. Jackson Reese, of Mulberry, won the first prize for oratory. His selection was "Barbara Fritchie." The second prizes were won by Miss Alice M. Clark and Mr. C. M. Summerford. The second prizes were beautiful copies of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Each speaker did himself and herself credit. Rev. J. A. Bryant, of Shelbyville, Rev. H. L. P. Jones, of Delrose, and Mr. Joseph Carter, of Fayetteville, acted as judges.

The graduating exercises were held on Friday night. By 8 o'clock every seat was filled, many coming from the county and adjoining towns. At 8:15 the class of nine, seven ladies and two gentlemen, marched into the chapel, stepping to a beautiful march played by Miss Mamie G. Hoffman, the pianist. Miss Betty Todd, the salutatorian, led the procession, Miss Mary Rhodes, the valedictorian bringing up the rear. The following program (music excepted) was rendered: Miss Betty Todd, Salutatory; Miss Tilitha Carloss, "Kindness;" Mr. D. D. Williams, "Benafactors;" Miss Mary Neal, "Intelligence;" Mrs. Mary D. Hall, "Influeuce of a Word; "Charles M. Summerford, "Wealth, Talent, Beauty;" Mrs. Mary E. McDonald, "Woman's Mission;" Miss Alice M. Clark, "A Few Hints to Teachers;" Miss Mary Rhodes, Valedictory. Rich and rare music was interspersed. Prof. W. A, Bryant, County Superintendent, and a number of other white friends were present. Prof. Bryant spoke encouragingly of the exercises and the effort of the teachers. Also Prof. Simmons, principal of Fayetteville Collegiate Institute (white). The decorations were superb. The chapel had the appearance of a veritable Garden of Eden during the whole commencement. It was conceded that it was the richest affair that Fayetteville has ever witnessed among the colored people. The Superintendent of Public Instruction in his address congratulated the colored people upon the establishment of Lincoln High School, and the community upon having in its midst such an educator and christian gentleman as Prof. J. A. Jones. The entire musical program was considered the best ever rendered in the county.

At the conclusion of the exercises, Prof. Jones spoke of the approaching meeting of the State Teachers Association which convenes at Chattanooga, June 10, 11, and 12, and distributed circulars. He also announced a meeting to be held at the court house on Wednesday night to organize the county with reference to the children's department for the centennial in '97. Mr. Jones is the commissioner for Lincoln county.

Little James Bryson, son of James and Mrs. Mary J. Bryson, died on the 14th after a brief illness. Miss Virginia L. Hamilton, of Shelbyville, is visiting friends. Prof. Blake and Miss Mattie Harris, of Howell, attended the commencement· The county Teachers' Institute will commence June 15th. Several teachers of the county are preparing to attend the State Teachers' Association on the 10th, at Chattanooga. The A. M. E. church is getting ready for a grand rally on the fifth Sunday in May, and a May festival to continue during the last week of May. Willie Jones still handles The Freeman.

Sudden Death.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Gill, wife of Daniel Gill, who resides on Taylor's Hill, died in a mysterious manner on May 14th, while sitting on the poach. The last sad rites were held at St. Peter's A. M. E. church. Miss Annie Cross is ill at her home on Paradise street. G. W. Perry has opened up a dandy park on Strawberry street, which he has named McKinley, in honor of the coming president. The pupils excluded from the final examination, 7th grade, are as follows: Bettie Vaun, Hattie Dix, Clara Hawkins, Ida Garnett, Belle Garnett, Edna Beaumont, Tishil Brockman, W. Johnson. Jno. King has declindd his position as an elevator boy at the Hrlington Hotel. Mr. Nathaniel Dixon's youngest daughter died at her home May 15th. Miss Della Young is very ill at her home, South First street. W. B. Ford is again resuming his practice as a cheropodist. When you visit Clarksville, buy the leading colored papers of W. L. Johnson, the "paper boy."

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He is for protection to the laborers in factories,
And on farms don't overlook the poor farmers,
Who have to till the soil.
He is a protectionist—has proved it every inch
By protecting a poor Negro who was about to be lynched.
He said: No such disgrace should go
In the State of Ohio.
McKinley is our man, for him we are going to stand,
Who traveled from North to Sunny South
And broke the Democratic band?
There is no more Solid South,
And never will be no more,
When the same man is elected President
From the State of Ohio.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE STICK

And Rule—A Union Among the Colored Printers—A Needed Organization.

The question of a union of some sort of an organization among the colored printers, is one that should receive the thoughtful and careful consideration of every colored printer in the country. I venture to say if any class of workmen needs protection it is the colored printer for outside the government printing office and two or three large industrial schools, they are the worst paid and most sacrificing men of any trade or calling. They are the men that toiling far up into the night, even into the wee sma' hours of morning, laboring that the paper may be ready for the mail, while men of other callings are in the realms of repose and sleep. Such an organization would give them protection along this line by regulating the hours of labor and give them a chance to earn a decent living, not that it would antagonize the editor or publisher, but would strive to keep up prices among the different printing houses, and work to make the newspapers better in workmanship by requiring certain qualifications of colored printers before being allowed to work on any paper.

The unbusiness like methods of the editors, at least a few, make the printers lots harder than it otherwise would be from the fact that many of the editors do not give their business the attention due it, and their business is allowed to run itself and consequently runs in the ground, of course there are many exceptions to this, and some of the most consentious and sacrificing men of the race may be found as editors of the race papers, in fact many of them are "martyrs" to the cause of Afro-American journalism. On the other hand many run their business as an office we have in mind used to be run by the editor of a certain journal, now in the shadowy realms of oblivion. When job work came to the office there was a grand rush on the part of the printers to get the job, work it off and pocket the money, because the editor would never pay them; sometime on Saturday night they would be chasing all over town trying to find the editor, many of the printers who read this may have been there. The editor of this journal ran advertisements for barrows and took his mornings, evenings and mid-day potations as payment for same, grocery, clothes etc , same way, and he dodged his creditors as best he could, such unbusiness methods soon lost him the confidence of all concerned.

Very few papers published by colored men are a success financially from the fact that many of them are run for prestege or sentiment or some other shadowy substance, but I think they should be run for the same thing as a grocery store or any other business, to make money. The editor sells their influence for trival sums, they do not estimate the value of their own papers at a high enough scale, now we know several newspapers that have sold their support to a political faction for the small sum of five dollars. This may be party loyalty, etc., but you cannot buy stock and pay printers at such a rate. The race journalism is a sort of a cheap journalism and the journalist of the race are responsible for it. The nail of hard times is still heard coming from the sanctum and non-support of the papers by the race is given as an excuse to the printer when he applies for his hard earned dollar.

A union of colored printers will do away with much of the unbusiness-like methods pursued by publishers and will tend to raise the profession or art to its proper standard, and will be beneficial to the printers and the editors alike. It could seek employment for printers of the race for outside of the large industrial schools the colored printer has a hard time to make a decent living. In the south, if he owns a plant there is plenty of money in the business even if he can only get the job work coming from the race. T. L. MANN,
Charleston, South Carolina.

Leap Year Entertaiment.

Lovejoy, Ill., Special.

Friday evening, May 8th, the little town of Lovejoy was the scene of great merriment. About thirty-five ladies gave a grand party for the young men at the town hall. The program consisted of a piano solo, Mrs. S. T. Archer; invocation, Rev. John De Shields; piano solo, Miss Mamie E. Turner, of Lebanon; paper, "Temperance," Mrs. Pitts, of East St. Louis; address, Prof. Wyatt; recitation, "The First Settlers' Story," Mamie E. Turner, Lebanon. After the program a delicious repast was served. At the wee midnight hour the ladies saw the gentlemen safely home. Lovejoy is the only town in the U. S. controlled by colored men. Prof. Wyatt is principal of the school.

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Chicago's "400" Turn Out—Albert Fields Pays the Death Penalty for His Crime—Trouble in Quinn Chapel.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The drama entitled, "Thirty Years of Freedom," given for the benefit of Provident Hospital and Training school by some of the finest artists in and out of our city, took place last Tuesday evening at the Auditorium. The entertainment was one of the grandest ever given in the city by colored people for charity. At 6 o'clock people commenced to find their way to the auditorium, and at 8 o'clock there were more than 4,000 people in the opera house. At 8:15 the first scene was presented, showing the life of people of our race in the South picking cotton, which was so much like the real cotton pickers that one felt as if on a plantation. The second scene showed the underground railroad system that was used in slavery days. It was a grand scene. The third was a war scene and was highly applauded by every one. It represented a battle which took place between the Rebel and Union soldiers when the Union called for 75,000 men and colored men answered the call. This was represented by the 9th Colored Battalion, I. N. G., and 1st Regiment, Co. D, I. N. G. It was a grand scene. After the supposed battle was over, and the smoke had cleared away, the medical staff and trained nurses of Provident Hospital were represented attending the wounded soldiers. Next came the educational part of the program: Joseph H. Douglass, of Washington, D. C., grandson of the late Frederick Douglass, played several violin solos, which were highly applauded. Mrs. Geo. L. Braxton, the noted soprano, sang solos, Mrs. Ada O. Brown-Stewart read selections, and Chas. Winter Wood recited a part of "Oldipus the King," all of which showed that the Negro was not only a master of Negro melodies, but could compete with any nation along other lines. The closing scene was one worth special mention. It was entitled "A scene in an art gallery," in which some of our most popular society ladies took part. Among some of the participants were: Misses Birdie Bartlett, Anna E. Wells, sister of Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Miss Julia E. Barr, Mrs. Bowman and many others. The Slayton Jubilee singers sang excellent, as also did the female quartette—Misses Barber, Hocker, Seldon and Ridgeway. The music for the occasion was furnished by a colored orchestra consisting of twenty-four pieces, under the leadership of Mr. Arnant. This entertainment will long be remembered by all who attended. Some of the most prominent white people attended, some occupying boxes, among whom were Mrs. Geo. M. Pullman, Mrs. P. D. Armour, Mrs. N. K. Fairbanks, Mrs. Walter Hately, all Chicago millionaires. It is estimated that $3,000 will be cleared,

The Junior Excelsior Club, one of our most prominent clubs among the young men of the city, gave its seventh annual May ball Monday evening, the 11th at Arlington Hall. Quite a large crowd was present; it was a grand affair. At 9 o'clock the grand march occurred, about 200 couples taking part. The evening was spent in dancing, and all seemed to have a pleasant time. The committee deserve great credit for its noble work in making this entertainment such a success. Alfred Fields, who a few months ago took the life of Mrs. Ellen Randolph in this city was hanged last Friday. It will be remembered by all how the brutal murder was committed—some say for money, others say because he loved her and was jealous. Fields told many conflicting stories when arrested. He implicated a Mr. McIntosh who was at once arrested and locked up. On examination he said that McIntosh paid him to kill the woman, but after close questioning, he retracted and said that he (McIntosh) had nothing to do with the killing whatever; that he did it alone. After the judge had questioned McIntosh he was released. Never in the history of Chicago was such a crime committed among colored people. There has for the past three weeks been quite a stir among the members and friends of Quinn Chapel on account of the sheriff levying on their furniture and hymn books for a debt of $2,000 that is over due. The trustees and members of the church did not know what steps to take about the matter, as Rev. Townsend is out of the city attending General Conference, but from general observations, it seems that it will be all settled.

CONFIRMATION SERVICES.

Decides to Remain—U. B. F. and S. M. T's. Annual Sermon—Notes.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

The rite of confirmation was administered Sunday morning in the church of our merciful Savior with the Rt. Rev. Bishop T. W. Dudley, of the Kentucky diocese, officiating. The church was comfortably filled and the Bishop delivered a rather impressive confirmatory discourse. After prayer, then an anthem from the choir, the fifteen candidates for confirmation were individually by the Episcopal custom, read into the church. The rector of the church of our merciful Savior, Rev. Thomas J. Brown, has been called to the St. Thomas Episcopal church of Philadelphia, much to his parishoners surprise, but because of the success he has made in Louisville, he has ignored the Philadelphian's call and decides to remain here. The commencement week of the State University began Sunday afternoon. President Purce delivered the baccalaureate discourse Sunday afternoon in the Fifth street Baptist church.

The U. B. F's and S. M. T's. held their annual thanksgiving services in Music Hall Sunday afternoon. It has been long since such a representative gathering of our people were seen Sunday. The crowd numnered fully 5,000 members and friends. The eleven lodges of U. B. F. and thirteen Temples of S. M. Ts. were certainly well represented.

The exercises opened with an organ voluntary and song by the order. Mr. G. W. Price, master of ceremonies, delivered a short address followed by an anthem from Lampton street and Quinn Chapel choirs. Miss Martha V. Webster then delivered a short address that was somewhat commendable. The collection was then raised and a mighty one too. After which Rev. J. Wm. Luckett of Center street C. M. E. church delivered an oration on Thanksgiving day. After a hymn the benediction was announced and all took their leave. Jas. B. Douglass of Galveston, Tex., was in the city last week enroute to St. Louis. The quarrel which almost resulted in a free-for-all-fight that transpired between Rev. D. A. Gaddie and Rev. G. E. Scott at the Baptist ministers and deacons meeting Monday week, has been settled, so no further trouble need be expected. The alumni will hold their reception Friday evening June 26th. The members are contemplating on forming a choral club and render a few selections at both commencement and reception. Mr. Riley Sexton of Fort Scott, Kan., the father of Mrs. Rev. Seymour is in the city for a few weeks. The Twefth St. church moonlight excursion Monday evening June 1st, bids fair for a success. Tickets are being sold rapidly and a splendid crowd is assured. Mrs. Mary Nantz is yet very ill.

Charged With Burglary.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

The excursion from St. Louis the 17th was fairly patronized. Dr. Hightower, the faith doctor of Louisville was in the city last week. He decided not to do any business here after interviewing the officers. Mesdames Emma Arrington, Mary Nolen and John Vinegar, late of this city, but now of St. Louis, spent last Sunday here visiting friends. W. H. Clark and Chas. Elliott have fitted up a neat ice cream parlor at the corner of Eighth and Ohio streets. The scholars of the second district school held a picnic at Ramonia Park on the 9th. A large crowd was present. The Golden Leaf Club gave a reception at the palatial residence of Mrs. Kate Watkins the 15th from 3 till 11 p. m. George Straws, an old Paducah boy, but now of Nashville, Tenn., was in the city recently. He was here to attend the funeral of David Cowling, who was found dead at his home on Washington street on the 3rd. Uncle Davy was buried by T. H. Puryear, a wealthy leaf tobacco buyer, with whom he had worked for twenty years. Quite a sensation was created last Thursday when John L. Johnson, the upholsterer, Lawrence James and Wm. Skelton, all well-known, were arrested, charged with burglarizing several residences here the past month. Skelton and James gave bond, while Johnson remains in jail. It is not believed that the parties who gave bond are guilty. A picked nine went to Cairo last Sunday to play the club of that city. Get The Freeman every Saturday at 419 Jackson street. Several communications have reached the writer recently unsigned. The contents were purported to be the misdoings of certain teachers in the public schools. No attention is paid to correspondence not bearing the author's name.

The Odd Fellows' Sermon Preached.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Sunday was Masonic Day at Logansport. The Sir Knights and Sisters of the Eastern Star of Marion, Ind., turned out in full regalia to celebrate Ascension Day. Prominent Sir Knights were here from different towns and cities in the State. Among the number was W. F. Teister, G. M. and A. G. P., of the State of Indiana. The Sir Knights marched from the hall on Market street to the A. M. E. church where the sermon was preached at 3 o'clock by the Rev, H. B. Koffman, of the English Lutheran church. The Sir Knights conducted a very entertaining program at the church, after which their was taken up a collection of $10.42. W. F. Teister, Grand Master, made a fine talk after evening service, showing that the purpose of Masonry was to better the morals of the people. Logansport has a membership of about 160, and they have no lodge of any kind, so the people gave them a hearty welcome. May they come again, Among the visitors was Mr. J. T. Forchue, the agent for The Freeman at Marion. Mrs. George Allen started for Clarksville, Tenn., Wednesday to visit her parents. She will stop over at Louisville, Ky., to see her sister-in-law, Miss Mary Allen, graduate. Mrs. H. B. Turner is on the sick list.

FROM THE QUEEN CITY.

THANKSGIVING SERMON OF THE U. B. F. AND S. M. T'S.

Choir Members Vacate—Death of an Old and Prominent Citizen—College and Walnut Hill Notes —A Spicy Letter.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The U. B. F's. of Covington, Ky., will have their annual sermon preached Sunday. The uniform ranks of Cincinnati under the captaincy of William Tibbs will turn out and swell the number. Bell Camp No. 1 K. F. last Monday night elected J. H. Ayers with a unanimous vote as their delegate to the National Encampment which convenes in St. Louis July 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Wm. Smith, the D. G. C. of K. F. of the state will hold his inspection meeting soon. All K. F. take note. Rev. William Hall of Providence, R. I., filled the pulpit at Zion Baptist church last Sunday. The collection for the day was $140. Rev. Hall will preach at Zion this month and a part of June. Last Monday he preached the funeral of Mrs. Maggie Williams, whose death was a shock to her many friends. J. Bellsinger, an old citizen, was burried from Allen Temple last Sunday. He leaves a family and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Thanksgiving service of the A. P. A. lodges of this city will take place at St. Johns A. M. E. Z. church Sunday at 3 p. m. Rev. R. E. Wilson will preach the sermon.

It was surprising to see almost every chair in the Mound street choir vacant last Sunday night. The May fair at Union Baptist this week is meeting with success. Rev. Jas. Wilson jr., will preach at Allen Temple Sunday night. Rev. B. L. Powell, pastor of the Baptist church of Greenfield, is the guest of Rev. Proud. J. Bryant, 624 John street is one of our good shoe makers. Give him a call. H. C. Carr has opened an ice cream parlor, 509 W. Court street. Mrs. Maggie Taylor of 224 W. Fifth street, was called suddenly to Chicago to the bedside of her son-in-law who was shot four times, and is now at the point of death. Hunter lodge No. 15, U. B. F. will meet Tuesday night. All members are expected to be present. Thomas and Frazier's barber shop is the place to get The Freeman. Uniform rank K. of P. visited Covington, Ky., last Sunday. The streets were crowded to see the parade. The boys looked alright, and the Covington lodges were proud to see the boys with gray hairs in their head step so light.

COLLEGE HILL NOTES.

The young ladies of the M. E. church gave a sacred concert last Sunday. Proceeds $6.60. Rev. Payne, the pastor is well pleased with his new charge. V. A. Dougherty of Cincinnati addressed the St. Paul Sunday school last Sunday. He is a good speaker. For ice cream go to John Alleg's near street car line.

WALNUT HILLS NEWS.

Rev. Payne, ex-pastor of Mt. Zion A. M. E. church, is making a flying visit among the Hill residents. In the oratorical contest given at Walnut Hills High School Friday, May 15th, there were twelve graduates who took part, two of whom were Miss Annie Elder and Geo. Austin. Their deliveries were excellent, and to the joy of their many friends and teachers they both acquitted themselves with much honor. The lawn fete given by the U. B. F. at Mrs. Woodford's on Park avenue was a decided success both financially and in the number of patrons. It was the first of the season. Lee Otey will absent himself from the Hill and visit his old homestead in Sedalia, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Armstrong and son Harry are spending a few days on the Hill among friends. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Daniels as usual will spend the summer at the Catawba Islands. The corner stone of the new Orphan Asylum was laid with ancient ceremony last Saturday. Mr. Bettman gave an elegant speech to the gratification of all. No pains were spared by the various committees to make it an affair never to be forgotten. Miss Annie Johnson, who is rapidly making a literary reputation for herself, will publish her second series of essays on Christianity in about four weeks. Quite a large delegation from the Hill will attend the commencement at Wilberforce this year. It is rumored that the wedding bells will soon be ringing about the Friason residence on Foraker avenue. It is reported that Miss Daisy Bennett and Mr. Fergus are on Cupid's list at present.

Goslin's Weekly Budget.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Many people of this city went fishing at Flat Creek. Rev. R. H. Hill has been very busy in a revival this week at Wartrace. Prof. R. L. Whitesides has four and five year old boys that can sing like men. Prof. James Edmanson has a very fine well. Mrs. Sarah Blakemore and her beautiful daughters have been kept very busy this summer. They have made seven full suits for gentlemen besides a lot of dress work for ladies and children. Mr. Jas. Gilliland is building some very nice standpost. His wife is much better. Rev. B. A. J. Nixon, P. E., who is reading clerk at the general conference writes his wife daily. She is able to be out. Prof. P. W. Patterson is a true laborer to his wife and children. Prof. T. T. Ransome and wife were out of the city the 17th. The closing of Phillips Academy was grand. Profs. C. McAdams, R. Purdy, and Mrs. B. A. J. Nixon, Miss Ellen Mitchell, Marv Frazier and Elder Turner will have a grand closing at Turners College on the 20th. Rev. S. E. Wasson of the A. M. E. church, preached the baccalaureate sermon on the 17th inst. General Colwell is on the sick list. Rev. James Turner attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Thompson from the home of Harvy Neal. Mrs. Lottie Cowan of Murfreesboro, is in the city. L. A. Wilson works on his shade trees on his lot some days. W. M. Cowan will return to his old trade, blacksmith Rev. S. E. Harris and children have returned. If you want to keep posted get The Freeman at W. H. Goslin's store,

Summer Bible School.

The second session of the Summer Bible school at Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tenn., for the colored race, beginning June 17th and closing July 3d, will be conducted again by Rev. H. H. Bell, evangelist, for the study of the English bible. Everybody welcome, no tuition fees. Summer bible schools located here and over our country, are a marked feature of our time. Progressive people of all classes attend them. Program: Acts and 1 John, Rev. H. H. Bell, instructor; Exodus and James, Prof. J. R. Millin, instructor; Personal Work, Rev. H. H. Bell, instructor. Three recitations each day. The text book is the English bible. Those who have Commentaries or other helps on these books should bring them. All will have access to our libraries here. Evening lectures on various living subjects will be delivered by persons of ability selected from both races. All sessions of the school, day and evening, are free to all. Oh, that hundreds may avail themselves of this excellent opportunity to study the word of God. Note the date, June 17th to July 3d. Room and boarding on hill, $2 per week (keeping of rooms extra), 30 cents per day, 10 cents per meal. For other information address Miss E. B. Wallace, Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tenn.

Literary Notes.

Bret Hart's new story and Jerome K Jerome's latest piece of fiction have both been secured by The Ladies' Home Journal for immediate publication. Jerome's story is called "Reginald Blake's Financier and Cad," and sketches an incident in fashionable London Society. Bret Hart calls his story "The Indiscretion of Elsbeth," and pictures the romance of a young American who falls in love with a German princess, masquerading as a dairy maid.

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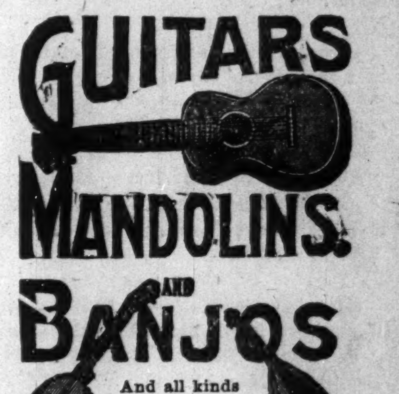

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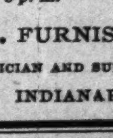

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RACE GLEANINGS.

Galena, Kan., has a population of 1,700 of which 1,500 are colored.

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Miss Kate J. Grasses is a leading dramatic reader of Chicago, Ill.

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Miss Ednorah Nahar, the elocutionist, is traveling through the South.

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The A. M. E. church has a membership of 600,000 in the United States.

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The Kansas City trades assembly has admitted two Negroes to membership.

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North Bufton, Ontario, has a colored postmaster, who also owns a grocery.

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The M. E. Conference has voted that there be no color line in their church.

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The Alcorn A. and M. College will hold their 25th commencement May the 27th.

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Miss Hallie Q. Brown, who is in Scotland, expects to return to America in June.

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The commencement of the State University of Louisville, Ky., was held May 14th.

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W. B. Derrick, J. C. Armstrong and Dr. Embry were elected Bishops of the A. M. E. church.

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A. P. Wilson, a competent electrician has charge of the electric plant of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

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The Eckstein Norton University of Cane Springs, Ky., will hold their commencement exercises June 18th.

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Billy Farrell and Harry Eaton, actors are the only colored men who are members of the B. P. O. Elks Lodge.

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Theodore Drury, the celebrated baritone of New York, sang at the Indianapolis Conservatory of Music May 15th.

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David Harris, colored merchant of Williamsburg, Virginia, lost property to the amount of $10,000 by fire, last week.

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C. C. Chadwell has been appointed postmaster at Chadwell, Ky. He is the only Negro postmaster in the State of Kentucky.

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During his recent visit to Indianapolis Booker T. Washington was made an honorary member of the Herculean Republican Club.

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A corporation of colored men has been formed at Bloomington, Ill., for the purpose of opening a department store in said city.

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Alderman Jas. B. Raymond of Altoona, Pa., has been elected alternate-at-large to the National convention in June at St. Louis.

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Miss Myrtle Hart of Indianapolis, the only colored harpist in the world, gave a harp recital at Corinthian Baptist church May 14th.

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William M. Randolph, a young lawyer of Pittsburg, has been nominated on the Republican ticket as one of Pennsylvania's Presidential electors.

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At the Republican convention for the Sixth District of Tennessee, held at Clarksville recently, G. Q. Boyd, a prominent colored lawyer, was nominated for Congress.

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Hon. Geo. W. Murray of South Carolina has won his seat in Congress, was elected delegate-at-large to the St. Louis convention and renominated for Congress by acclamation.

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The president of Lake Charles College, Lake Charles, La., refused to admit a colored student on the ground that the co-education of the races is unconstitutianal in Louisiana.

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Notice is given by J. Frank Wheaton, a lawyer of Minneapolis, Minn, that some thousands of dollars are awaiting the call of Mrs. Elizabeth Byers, whose son died in the army in the late war.

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Blind Boone was born in Maimi, Saline, county, Mo., and lost his sight when six months old, by an attack of fever. He received his musical education through the kindness of Mr. John Lange, and has been traveling as a musician for sixteen years.

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The colored normal school at Huntsville, Ala., teaches the colored youths trades and everything that will enable them to benefit themselves and society. It is supported by the State and also receives assistance from the general government.

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A convention of colored Republican delegates from nine states of the South was held in New York May 14th. The convention was called to devise some means to prevent the so-called "Lilly White" of the South from crowding out of the St. Louis convention the colored delegates in districts, where the colored Republicans are in majority.

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Miss Sarah E. Saunders of Washington, D. C., has scored a wonderful success as an elocutionist. She spent two years with the McAdoo company, and visited Hawaii, New Zealand, Australa and neighboring islands. A very bright future is predicted for Miss Saunders.

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William H. Phelps, of Indianapolis, Ind., a colored man, has patented a new swivel apparatus for use in cleaning carriages. It fastens to the ceiling of a barn and is made so the hose, which is connected with it, may revolve and be used conveniently on all sides of a carriage being washed underneath.

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Birthday Party.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Special.

Miss Ruby Viola Jones of Plymouth gave a birthday party on the 8th at the residence of her grandfather on Huron street. A number of friends were present and she received many beautiful presents. Miss Carrie Freeman is very ill, also Mrs. Jane Lewis. Rayman, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, died May 8th. Will Lewis of Howell who has been visiting here, has returned home. Charles Battles is on the sick list. A number of strangers were in the city to attend the May Festival which was held the 21st, 22nd and 23rd at University Hall. Edward Lewis of Howell is visiting friends here.

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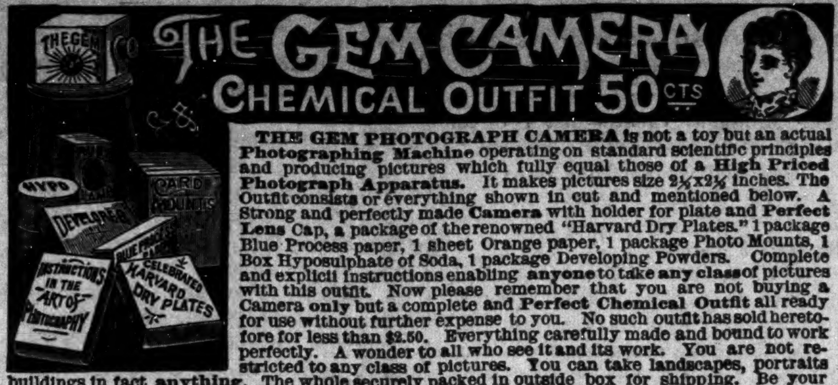
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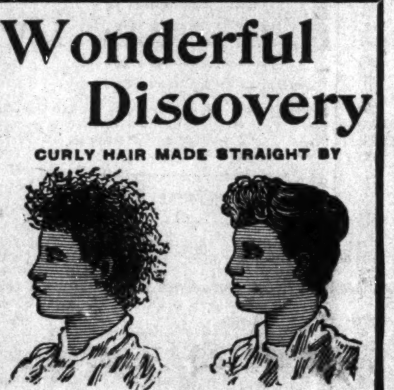

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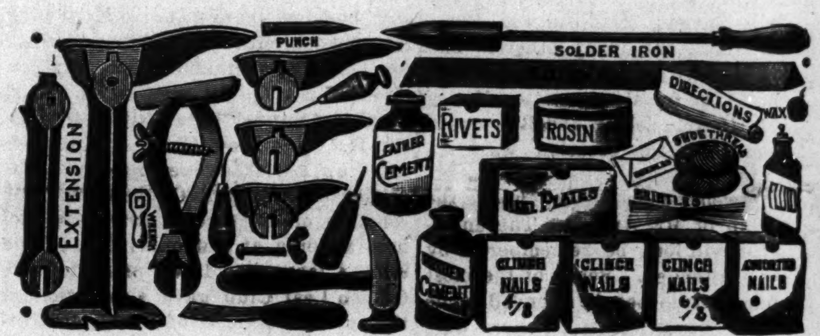

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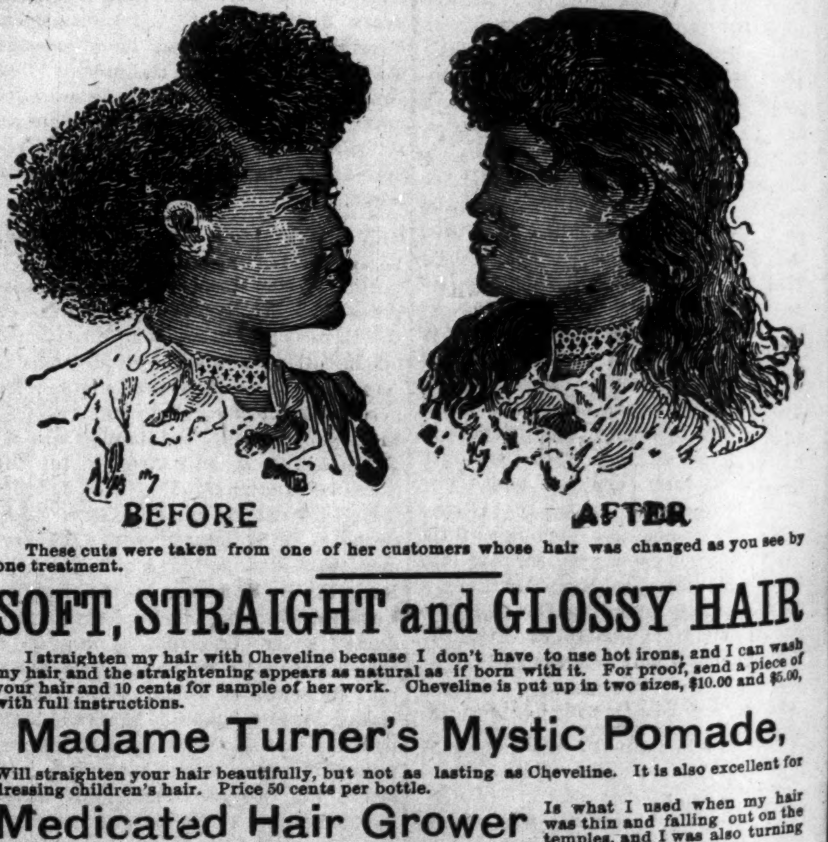

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No person can do much writing without being misunderstood by many. Soon he will have all kinds of a reputation. Our writers dare not come right out and say what they think because of the peculiar sensitiveness of the majority who read. When utterance is not perfectly frank and boldly honest, it is without much value. The same truth applies to a sermon. I have known preachers who would not preach against horse racing in a racing district, against dancing before dancers, against adultry before adulterers. This is a lack of moral honesty and moral courage which disqualifies a man for the ministry. How are our people to be improved if they are not plainly, frankly honestly dealt with? That class of public men whose bread and butter can only be won by truckling are curs whose teaching is unsafe. Men who could not earn a living out of the ministry are not of sufficient force to be worthy of support in it. What we need is manhood and manhood includes such qualities as independence, truthfulness, and candor. There are some men to-day getting big salaries and grabbing money all over the country who would be walking around with a whitewash bucket and brush if they had not have happened to get in the ministry. The ignorant blunders and unprincipled conduct of this class of men make it very unpleasant for the worthy men who are among them. To those who remonstrate they say, "if you don't like it, get out." But there are now so many men of parts in the ministry that such talk will not work. Instead, the progressive element is now about able to say to ignorance, "get down where you belong." Why should blundering, untrained fellows be fumbing and fooling over tasks and half doing them when there are scores of men who are qualified to take hold and do the work easily and well? Why should a scholar like Dr. Connor be past by and a blundering ignoramus be put up as our representative? Why should a bold, candid, fearless man like Preston be rejected and a crawling, sycophantic, lecherous scamp glide into honors that he is unfit to wear? Why not be open, honest, straight? Are our officers made for men or are they for the good of the church? Why not lay all sentiment aside and put men in and take them out in strict accord with their fitness?

J. M. HENDERSON, M. D.,
New York City.

JOHN H. MILLEDGE

Of Marlin, Tex., Comments on Booker T. Washington.

I have often heard of the anecdote about the immortal Abraham Lincoln, who when confronted with a committee asking the removal of General Grant on account of drunkardness, saying, "Let him continue to drink; I wish I could get some of the same brand.' Quite a similarity exist between the above, and the line of argument, or race agitation, by Prof. Booker T. Washington on one side with several noted gentlemen on the other. Mr. Washington, it is true, introduces a new brand in the way of argument on the Negro question, but so long as he accomplishes good results, then let him continue. Before a great amount of thought is exercised, one would naturally think that any man assuming at this day to lead the Negro race should follow strictly in the walk of such illustrious and much lamented men as Garrison, Phillips, Sumner, Douglass, Price and others. Those men, however, were politicians. Mr. Washington is not. The drift of his argument is practical, and he stands ready at all times to present a true object lesson, showing on every hand that he has thoroughly practiced what he now so ably preaches. Follow this wonderful, but very unassuming man to his field of labor. There in brick, timber and iron, architecture, and skill, on every side impresses one, that all of it came by a hand that will go down in history as one of the world's greatest.

This man stands at the head of us as the educational Moses and the King Solomon Temple builder of the American Negro. Then again this wizard-like man is rapidly making converts. To his standard he has rallied influential men and noted women throughout the world. He has swayed the press in the South as no Negro has ever done, and since his Atlanta speech, a better understanding between the white man and the Negro prevails generally. Different views about the outcome of the so-called race problem are being studied. More consideration and respect are being accorded us, and on the whole this man has pointed out to both white and black of the South a future of dazzling brilliancy. Still a young man, judging his future by his past, and if not tripped by the evil hand of the enemy, then Mr. Washington will lay a foundation on which the American Negro, as a bread winner, can stand forever.

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FRANCIS CASEY, St. Louis, Mo.

Church Doings.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

The revival has closed at the C. M. E. church; it was held by Rev. W. P Greer. Our progress was not what we hoped for, but we done some good. Several were added to the church. Rev. W. F. Baker has had his rally at the Baptist church. He will repair the church. Miss Josie Sumerlin met the Building club Wednesday night. She is a business young lady. Miss Josie will spend the summer in Dyersburg with Mrs. Brack. Miss Minerva White a member of the A. M. E. church, is doing good work for her church. There will be a rally at the church May 24th The church is moving along nicely with W. M. Nevels, pastor. Miss Emma Blakemore will spend the summer in Brownsville with her sister, Mrs. Chism.

Closing Exercises.

Waxahachie, Tex., Special.

The closing exercises of the Oak Lawn school, which was taught by Mrs. Jno. N. Lindon, principal, Miss M. A. Wallace and Miss I. V. Jones, which began on the 12th, closed the 18th. Written examinations Tuesday and Wednesday; oral during the morning hours of Thursday and Friday. Thursday at 3 p. m. exercises by the primary department; at 8:30 p. m. exercises by the fifth and sixth grades, and an address by Miss Jones. Friday at 8:30 p. m. exercises by the class graduating from the intermediate department and an address by Prof. W. H. Burnett. Saturday at 8:30 p. m. exercises by the High school and an address by Miss M. A. Wallace. Sunday at 11 a. m. an address to the graduates by the principal, Jno. W. Tilden. The exercises took place at the Baptist church. The school gave its picnic at the East End Park Saturday May 16th, Promotion cards were distribuied at 3:30 p. m. Monday the 18th at Richardson's Hall.

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Commissioners Take Notice.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society will convene in the city of Crawfordsville, June the 18-19, 1896. It is hoped all Commissioners will labor hard to make this the most successful year since the organization.

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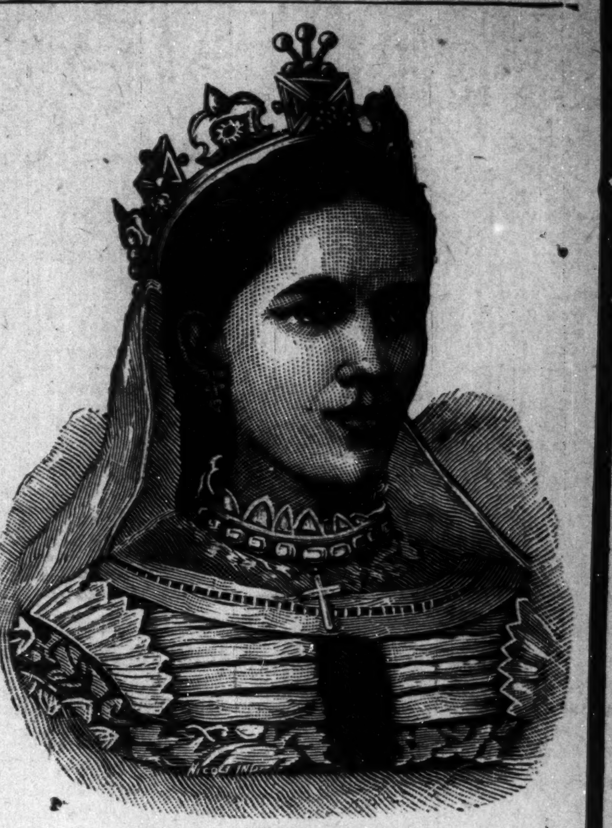

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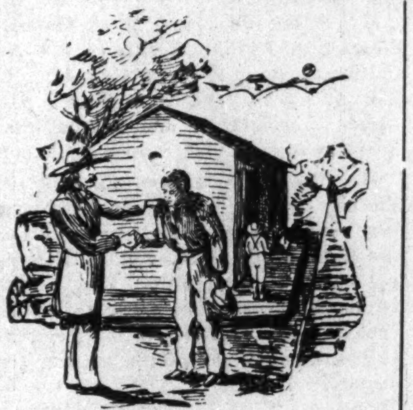

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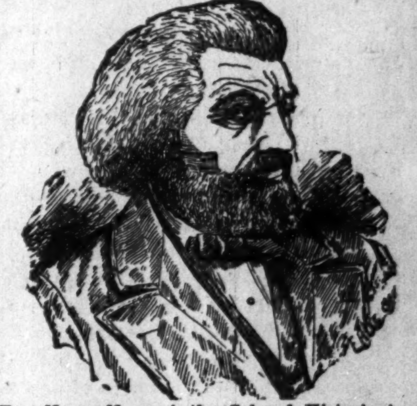

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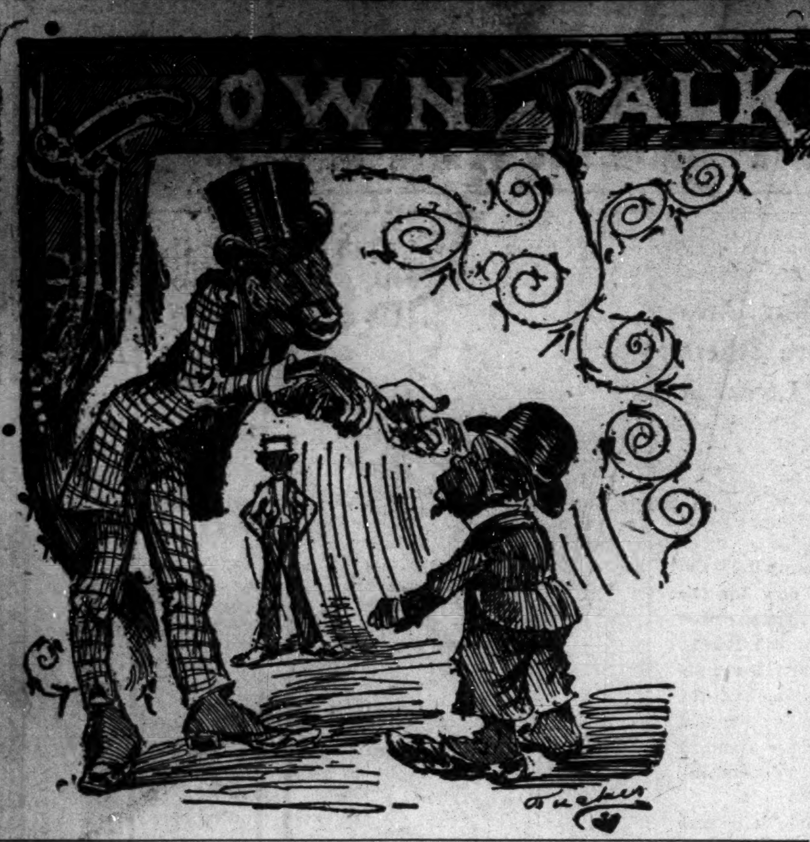

Johnson Benson is in Cincinnati.

Miss Alice Williams is convalescing.

Miss Mamie Smith was in Louisville Sunday.

Theodore Drury left Sunday for Cincinnati.

W. B. Williams Sundayed in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Dollie Lewis, the evangelist, is in the city.

Miss Sadie Lee of Louisville spent Sunday in the city.

The May Fair at Bethel closed last evening. It was a grand success.

Wm. Dixon, Jr., and Miss Lizzie Reed were quietly married last week.

Rev. George A. Sissle, P. E. of the Louisville, Ky., district, is in the city.

There is a letter at this office for Peter Gleen, post marked Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Alice Pratt is very ill at the residence of her mother on W. Walnut street.

Rev. E. L. Gilliam, P. E., held quarterly meeting at Simpson Chapel on last Sabbath.

Julius R. Cox will preach his trial sermon at Corinthian Baptist church next month.

Miss Ida Haskins has returned home after an extended visit to friends in Kentucky,

Solomon Walker, who resides at No. 163 St. Mary street, is suffering with rheumatism.

William Tracey and Mr. Artists of Richmond, Ind., were in the city this week on business.

Rev. Williams preached the annual sermon of the U. B. F's. and S. M. T's last Sunday at Bethel.

Miss Bessie Howard and Rev. Robert Sample have launched their bark on the matrimonial sea.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Maxey, of 74 Jones street, celebrated their fifth anniversary Wednesday evening.

A unique affair entitled "Eight Fair Ladies" will come off at the Ninth Presbyterian church on the 26th inst.

Harry Fidler is making a hit with Al G. Fields, Darkest American company. He will return home on the 30th.

For Sale—Full dress suit, satin lined, cost $90.00 sell for $15.00 cash. Address "Full Dress" Freeman office.

Rev. T. W. Henderson was elected manager of the Book Concern of the A. M. E. church at Wilmington last week.

Clarence Weathers of New Albany, was in the city Sunday visiting his sister, Mrs. Hilen Givens, 107 Shelby street.

The public is invited to call on Mrs. D. D. Hunter at 12 Malott avenue where she serves ice cream, coffee and lunch at all hours.

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Dr. Sumner Furniss will attend the Medical Association at Ft. Wayne next Thursday. He will be the only colored Doctor in attendance.

Miss F. B. Lewis, a graduate of the Blind Institute, gave a musical entertainment at the Second Baptist church on last Monday night.

Mrs. D. D. Hunter has opened a confectionery at 12 Malott avenue. Lunch, hot coffee and ice cream are served at all hours.

E. B. Worthington natures wonderful whistles and bird imitators will appear at the closing entertainment of the Olive Union Literary Society.

Mrs. Isaac Allen of 198 W. Second street, who was recently injured by a street car is able to be out. Mr. Allen will sue the company for damages.

Mrs. John P Shepherd entertained at dinner Thursday Mrs. T. W. Henderson and daughter, Mrs. Willard, Mrs. Adam Smoot and Mrs. Beverly Porter.

Miss Martha Craig of Versailes, Ky., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ferguson at 35 Brett street, instead of 33 Bird street as was stated in last weeks issue.

Miss Georgia McLaughlin who has been visiting Mrs. Shepherd in Yandes street, will soon return to her home in Danville, Ky., accompanied by Mrs. Shepherd.

S. M. Huston prosecuting attorney of Terre Haute, Ind., was instrumental in sending a white man to the penitentiary for attempting assault on a colored lady.

Rev. Dr. W. R. Lawton, of Brooklyn, New York, will fill the pulpit at the Ninth Presbyterian church Sunday. The program advertised for last Sunday will be rendered.

J. H. Lawrance, president of the colored Murphy Gospel Temperance league addressed the Murphy League at the Grand Army Hall on Deleware and Court streets Wednesday night.

The grand closing entertainment of the Olive Union Literary Society at Coburn street Baptist church Thursday evening the 28th inst., bids fair to be the brilliant event of the season.

The "Dream of Fair Women" will be given at the Ninth Presbyterian church, and the "Polish Son and Mother," also two old pictures given by the Ladies Sewing Circle Tuesday night May 26th. Come out and aid us.

Mrs. Susan Stewart, wife of Thomas Stewart, died at their residence 504 N. California street Tuesday May 12th at 8 p. m., at the age of 74 years. She leaves a husband to mourn her loss. Services were held at Simpson Chapel

Mr. R. W. Thompson, formerly of this city, was on last Wednesday evening unanimously elected president of the Men's Guild of St. Luke's Episcopal church in Washington, D. C. This is one of the standard organizations of that city, and includes in its membership some of Washington's most representative citizens.

Allen Chapel Notes.

Rev. J. L. Cravens, of Greencastle preached two soul stirring sermons last Sunday. The church was crowded, and the speaker's words were listened to with closest interest. The Octoroons will give a four act drama at Allen's Chapel June 10th and 11th, entitled, "She is Not Your Slave." This promises to be the event of the season. Proceeds for the benefit of the church. Come one come all. Addmission 10cts., W. H. Keen, manager. We will give our annual picnic at Bethany Park Thursday June 25th. Every body is invited to attend. Rev. M. Lewis, of Crawfordsville, will occupy the pulpit next Sunday May 24th.

CORINTHIAN NOTES.

The Aid society met with Mrs. Alice Floyd last week.

No services will be held at the church for two weeks, owing to the extensive repairs that are being made.

Rev. H. H. Harris, the pastor, left Tuesday for an extended visit East. He will be absent about two weeks.

The Myrtle Hart harp recital Thursday of last week at the church was a pleasant affair. Miss Hart received a number of encores. Misses Harris, Brown, Baughman, Kincaid, Mrs. Posey and Wm. Lewis contributed to the evening's enjoyment.

The Murphy Temperance League.

The colored "Murphy Gospel Tem-League," are holding their meetings at 184½ Indiana avenue (the colored Odd Fellows Hall.) There will be a union meeting on Wednesday the 27th inst., at Simpson Chapel at 8 p. m. Our leading speakers will be Rev. N. A. Seymour, Dr. Hagood, Rev. Martin, former pastor of Corinthian Baptist church. The officers are J. H. Lawrence, president; Rev. Martin, vice president; trustees, N. A. Seymour, Rev. Dr. Hagood, Wm. Jones, Miss Harris, secretary; Elwood Knox, treasurer. P. S. services are held Friday evening at 8 o'clock and Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All are invited to be present at these meetings.

NOTICE.

The sixth session of the Woman's Home Missionary Society will be held in Crawfordsville, June 18th and 19th. Commissioners please take notice and leave no stone unturned to surpass all previous efforts. Send in reports as early as convenient, and let all pray for the blessings of the Lord to attend the cause. We need your co-operation and hope to have your presence.

M. A. Teister, Pres't.
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Running Races.

The Indianapolis drinivg club wil hold a six days driving meeting commencing Monday 25th. Some very fast horses will be entered. From all indications the meeting promises to be a success. Half fare on all railroads during the week.

'SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING.

The Alpha Home again comes to our mind. We would suggest that the young people awaken to the important duty of aiding in such commendable work. There are several social circles throughout the city that have no special aim in view. It would afford the members of these little organizations untold pleasure to perpetuate their name by painting the home, adding shutters, furnishing a room, or going out to spend an evening, thus helping to brighten the lives of these decrepit old ladies. There are two Kings Daughters societies in this city, and we feel assured that this suggestion will meet their hearty approval. The ministers are found lagging. Why not each church take its congregation and hold services there on Sundays, until they all have gone the rounds? We would suggest that Simpson Chapel make the start, and Bethel, Corinthian, Allen Chapel, Bethel A. M. E., South Calvary, Zion, Antioch, Christian and other churches will soon follow in its wake.

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The Indiana avenue and Michigan street-corner dude is still in evidence. He is seen at a better advantage on Sundays. He plants himself under the friendly eaves of Hayes' drug store, and is soon joined by others of his calibre. His most pleasant pastime is his cigarette and making silly, flippant remarks about ladies who pass that way. He is very "smart," too but there has never been no opening whereby he could display his wonderful ability. He reads a little and surmises a great deal, yet poses as a leader—the coming race man—if you don't care what you say.

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The lecture of Booker T. Washington on industrial pursuits was well taken, and the 900 or more citizens were much enthused during the lecture. But how quick the flame was extinguished, until now not a vestige of a spark remains. Let us theorize: The aggregrated wealth of six citizens of Indianapolis is $125,000. It these six men would take $3,000 and make a careful and judicious investment along commercial lines that would give employment to a few of their sons and daughters, would it not be more creditable than simply to let it "lay?" For example, one wide-awake progressive citizen here gives employment to fifty people. His three places of business are well kept, and all connected therewith assume a general air of neatness. He is doing more effective work by this method in solving the race problem than all the mass meetings and agitation could do. He may not possess that scholarly ability, but he has that honest, keen, quick, insight to business that means success; his early education may have been neglected, but his ready wit and genial disposition at once gains for him an audience; he is whole-souled and philanthropic. Too often has he taken the serpent to his bosom, and when it had been warmed by his big open heart, pierced him with its poisonous fangs. Men grasp his ever extended hand for a hearty shake, while in the other, figuratively speaking, they hold a dagger—they desire to dig from under him the foundation upon which he has for years so proudly and firmly stood. The progressive element of Indianapolis rightly recognizes him as their leader—the Douglass of the community.

Now these six men with the $125,000 who are not doing anything in the busy world of trade, might do a vast amount of good. We have no business establishment of any magnitude, and why? Is it a lack of confidence? We admit that this a great barrier, but men that are competent enough to amass $125,000, should be broad enough to expend or put it in proper channels whereby they could at some time draw a percentage, and at the same time give employment to others.

GRAINS OF GOLD.

To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting.

To preserve in ones duty, and to be silent is the best answer to calumny.

Flowers are the sweetest things that God ever made and forgot to put a soul into.

Men, like peaches and pears, grow sweet a little while before they begin to decay.

Man is the jewel of God, who has created this material world to keep his treasures in.

School houses are the republican line of fortification; self-trust are the essence of heroism.

The strength of the nation (especially of a Republican nation) is in the intelligent, well ordered homes of its people.

A wide, rich heaven hangs above you but it hangs high. A wide, rough world is around you, that lies very low.

What ever you lend, let it be your money, and not your name. Money you may get again and if not you may contrive to do without it. Name once lost you cannot get again, and if you contrive to do without it, you had better never had been born.

Life, as we call it, is nothing but the edge of the boundless ocean of existence, when it comes upon soundings. The brightest crown that are worn in heaven have been tried, and smelted, and polished, and glorified through the furnace of tribulation.

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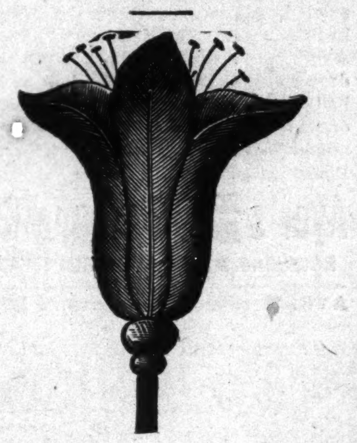

Montgomery lodge is growing rapidly.

All Knights of Pythians should send their news every week to The Freeman.

Knight Scott of Richmond, Ind., lodge will transfer his membership to Montgomery lodge No. 6.

Sir Knight G. H. Stigger of Damon lodge No. 3, of Louisville, Ky., has moved to this city and will transfer his membership to Montgomery lodge No. 6.

Sir Knight Ollie Love is now assistant deputy of the state to the Supreme Deputy L. W. Montgomery. They will canvass the state to set up new lodges at once.

Elected a Delegate-at-Large.—Notes.

Lansing, Mich., Special,

O. P. Weaver has opened a barber shop in the Kirkwood House. Joseph Washington, of Cleveland, O., is visiting in this city. J. N. Jackson, of Detroit, was in the city last week. J. A. Crawford has bought the barber shop in the Hollister Block. He has one of the finest shops in the city. Willie Dyer from the Downey will assist him. Julius Roberts, of Jackson, made a flying visit to Lansing last week. Rev. J. C. Washington, of Port Huron, was chosen as one of the Michigan delegates-at-large to the National Convention at St. Louis. Mr. Washington was a former Lansing boy, and his election is endorsed by colored people throughout the State. J. Crump and B. Haley were the only colored persons who received city appointments by the Mayor. After investigating the matter we have found that we could not expect much more just now. More recognition is expected as soon as matters can be arranged. J. W. Allen and Ben. Thompson, of Lansing were the heroes at Pine Lake last Thursday. While fishing they were able to rescue the crew of the schooner Polly Ann, that had capsized about one mile from shore. The occupants were R. B. Shank, Lansing's leading grocer, Miss Shank, and Miss Ostrander, daughter of Mayor Ostrander. It is needless to say that Messrs. Allen and Thompson did not go hungry or thirsty the rest of the day. A number of people from this city will attend the baptizing at Day the second Sunday in June. About 80 candidates will be baptized. The pastor, Rev. William Simpson, will be assisted by Rev. G. R. Collins, of Jackson, and Rev. R. Jeffries, of Volina.

Hampton Folk-Lore Society.

A public meeting of the Hampton Folk-Lore Society of Hampton, Va., will be held at Hampton Institute on Saturday evening, May 23. Addresses will be made by Mr. Heli Chatelain, the distinguished African folk-lorist, and by Prof. W. L. Scarborough, of Wilberforce University. Music will be furnished by the Folk-Lore Quartette, and old-time tales will be told by members of the society and others.

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